

Berlin Process Civil Society and Think Tank Forum 2022

Digital Preparatory Workshop

Date: 19.-20. October 2022

Conference Venue: Zoom

Conference Language: English

Preparatory Workshop

The preparatory workshop aims to jointly discuss key issues and problems the Western Balkans region is facing from a civil society perspective. The workshop will be structured along different thematic working groups, which will elaborate specific policy recommendations to address certain issues. The recommendations formulated in the preparatory workshop will be presented and discussed with decision-makers from the region and the EU in Berlin ahead of the Berlin Process Summit. The preparatory workshop furthermore aims at connecting and facilitating exchange between civil society organizations from the region and the EU.



ATTENTION

The workshop will take place under Chatham House Rule in order to facilitate an unrestricted and open exchange of views and ideas. At a meeting held under the Chatham House Rule, anyone who comes to the meeting is free to use information from the discussion, but is not allowed to reveal who made any comment. It aims to increase openness of discussion

WEDNESDAY, 19. OCTOBER 2022

13:00 – 13:30

Welcome

Dr. Christian Hagemann, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association

Dr. Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany

13:30 – 14:30

Opening Panel: Expectations for the Berlin Process and the Upcoming Summit

Minister of State for Europe and Climate Anna Lührmann, German Federal Foreign Office

Aleksandra Tomanic, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans

14:30 – 16:00

Working Group Session I: Problem Analysis

Six parallel working groups will discuss pre-prepared input papers and jointly identify key issues and challenges in their thematic area.

Working Group A: Green Agenda I – Energy Transition

Facilitator: **Jovan Rajić**, Renewables and Environmental Regulatory Institute (RERI)

Working Group B: Green Agenda II – Climate Change

Facilitator: **Rinora Gojani**, Balkan Green Foundation

Working Group C: Green Agenda III – Protection of the Environment and Environmentally Sustainable Development

Facilitator: **Endri Haxhiraj**, Institute for Environmental Policy

Working Group D: EU Integration in a Changing Geopolitical Environment

Facilitator: **Simonida Kacarska**, European Policy Institute

Working Group E: Information Disorder

Facilitator: **Tijana Cvjetičanin**, Raskrinkavanje
Jelena Berković, Faktograf

Working Group F: Infrastructure Investments

Facilitator: **Marko Sošić**, Institut Alternativa
Ardian Hackaj, Cooperation and Development Institute

16:00 – 16:15

Short Break

16:15– 17:45

Working Group Session II: Formulation of Policy Recommendations

Six parallel working groups.

17:45 – 18:00

Wrap-Up and Outlook for Next Day

09:00

Warm-up

09:15 – 10:45

Working Group Session III: Presentation and Joint Discussion of Results

Six parallel working groups.

10:45 – 11:00

Short Break

11:00 – 12:15

Closing Panel: Preliminary CSO Inputs for Berlin Process Summit

Manuel Sarrazin, German Federal Government Special Representative for the Countries of the Western Balkans

Rapporteurs from all six Working Groups

12:15 – 12:30

Next Steps and Outlook

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