

Berlin Process Civil Society and Think Tank Forum 2022

Conference

Date: 1.-2. November 2022

Conference Venue:

Leonardo Royal Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz
Otto-Braun-Straße 90
10249 Berlin
(Ballroom I+II)

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English

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The conference in Berlin as the second component of the CSF 2022 builds upon the results of the digital preparatory workshop organized on October 19-20, 2022. It is designed as a public presentation of the results and key recommendations elaborated by think tanks and civil society organization at the workshop and a public discussion with decision-makers from the Western Balkans region and the EU. Furthermore, the conference aims to provide a platform for best-practice exchange and networking among CSOs from the region and the EU and to facilitate cross-regional and transnational civil society initiatives and ideas.



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13:00 – 13:15

Official Welcome

Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany, Berlin

Christian Hagemann, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Video Message by German Federal Foreign Minister **Annalena Baerbock**

13:15 – 14:30

Panel 1: Energy Transition and Energy Security in a Time of Crises

Rapporteur from Civil Society:

Jovan Rajić, Chairman of the Board, Renewables and Environmental Regulatory Institute (RERI), Belgrade

Commentators:

Julie-Enni Zastrow, Deputy Head of Division EB5 EU-Enlargement, Southeast Europe, Turkey, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)

Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna (online)

Sonja Risteska, Programme Manager, Powering Past Coal Alliance, Berlin

Andreas Chollet, WPD Eastern Europe GmbH, Stuttgart (online)

Chair:

Selma Šehović, Project Manager, Energy Transition and Climate Change Policies in SEE, Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung Regional Dialogue SOE, Sarajevo

14:30 – 14:45

Short Break

14:45 – 16:15

Panel 2: Climate Change and Environmentally Sustainable Development

Rapporteur from Civil Society:

Rinora Gojani, Programmes and Operations Manager, Balkan Green Foundation, Pristina

Endri Haxhiraj, Director, Institute for Environmental Policy, Tirana

Commentators:

H.E. Deputy Minister Almira Xhembulla, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Albania (online)

Teodora Grncarovska, State Counselor on Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Republic of North Macedonia (online)

Christiane Hullmann, Head of Division 209 Western Balkans, German Federal Foreign Office

Stefan Mager, Program Manager Waste and Circular Economy, giz - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Pristina

Ifeta Smajic, Social Development Specialist, World Bank

Frosina Antonovska, Energy and Climate Policy Officer for Western Balkans, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe, Brussels (online)

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

Chair:

Katja Giebel, Senior Program Officer, Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45– 18:00

Panel 3: Information Disorder in the Western Balkans

Rapporteur from Civil Society:

Tijana Cvjetičanin, Editor-in-chief, Raskrinkavanje, Sarajevo

Commentators:

Jasna Jelišić, Head of Western Balkans Task Force, Strategic Communications and Information Analysis, European External Action Service, Brussels

Adelheid Feilcke, Director of Programs for Europe, Deutsche Welle, Bonn

Armela Krasniqi, Chairwoman, Audiovisual Media Authority – AMA, Tirana

Chair:

Katharina Naumann, Coordinator International Media Programmes, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Berlin

18:00 – 18:15

Short Break

18:15 – 19:00

Spotlight 1: Dealing With the Past and Reconciliation Efforts in the Western Balkans

Nataša Kandić, Founder, Humanitarian Law Centre, Belgrade

Kushtrim Koliqi, Executive Director, NGO Integra, Pristina

Jasmin Hasić, Executive Director of Humanity in Action, Sarajevo

Branka Vierda, Program Director, Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR) Croatia (online)

Chair:

Johanna Deimel, Independent Analyst Southeast Europe/Balkans, Munich

19:00

Networking Dinner

13:00 – 13:45

Spotlight 2: Amplifying Roma Voices in Policy-Making

Dejan Marković, Forum Roma of Serbia, Belgrade

Adriatik Hasantari, Roma Active Albania

Aleksandra Bojadjeva, Roma Policy Expert, Regional Cooperation Council

Sonja Licht, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Belgrade (online)

Elvis Memeti, National Roma Contact Point within the Cabinet of the Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of North Macedonia (online)

Chair:

Gilda-Nancy Horvath, Journalistin

13:45 – 14:30

Spotlight 3: Promoting Rule of Law and Fighting Corruption

H.E. Kreshnik Ahmeti, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of the Republic of Kosovo

Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Srđan Blagovčanin, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Transparency International BiH

Srđan Majstorović, Chairman of the Governing Board, European Policy Centre (CEP), Belgrade

Chair:

Wouter Zweers, Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute, The Hague

14:30 – 15:00

Short Break

15:00 – 16:00

Panel 4: Ensuring Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Investments

Rapporteur from Civil Society:

Marko Sošić, Researcher, Institut Alternativa, Podgorica

Ardian Hackaj, Research Director and Coordinator of Tirana Connectivity Forum, Cooperation & Development Institute, Tirana

Commentators:

H.E. Jovana Marović, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of EU Affairs, Montenegro (online)

Ary Naim, Regional Manager, Central & Southeast Europe, International Finance Corporation, Belgrade (online)

Nedim Begovic, Green/Multimodal/Innovative transport solutions Desk Officer, Transport Community, Belgrade (online)

Chair:

Branimir Jovanović, Economist, Vienna for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30

Spotlight 4: Regional Economic Cooperation in the Western Balkans – Where Do We Stand?

Alexander Wallau, Head of Division 212 Bilateral Relations to the Countries of Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, German Federal Chancellery

Pranvera Kastrati, CRM Coordinator, Regional Cooperation Council

Nenad Djurdjevic, Adviser to the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, Belgrade

Jelica Minić, President, European Movement in Serbia

Silvana Mojsovska, Institute of Economics, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

Chair:

Valbona Zeneli, Chair of the Strategic Initiatives Department, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

17:30 – 18:45

Panel 5: EU Integration in a Changing Geopolitical Environment

Rapporteur from Civil Society:

Simonida Kacarska, Director, European Policy Institute (EPI), Skopje

Commentators:

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

Ambassador Frédéric Mondoloni, Director for Continental Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France (online)

Albert Hani, Secretary General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office, Tirana

Jana Juzova, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Global Europe Programme at EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague

Chair:

Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany, Berlin

Christian Hagemann, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

18:45 – 19:00

Closing

Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany, Berlin

Christian Hagemann, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

19:00

Farewell Dinner