

Invitation

The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG) and the Open Society European Policy Institute, cordially invite you to an event titled:

“Buckle up! The Western Balkans start joining the EU by 2025? Or not?”

The event will be held in English on the **1st of July 2019** at Aegli Zappiou - Prive Conference Room, Kipos Zappiou, Athens 105 57

Programme

09.00 – 09.20 Conference Registration – Coffee

09.20 – 09.40 **Welcoming Remarks**

Thanos Dokos, Executive Director, ELIAMEP

Alexandra Tomanić, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans

Srdjan Cvijić, Senior Policy Analyst on EU external relations, Open Society European Policy Institute

Ioannis Armakolas, Assistant Professor, University of Macedonia & Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP

09.40 – 11.30 First panel: **The Western Balkans after the Prespa Agreement: Conflicting trends, policy ambiguities, uncertain futures?**

Moderator: Ritsa Panagiotou, Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Planning and Economic Research – KEPE., Athens

Speakers:

Alexandra Voudouri, Diplomatic Affairs editor-Athina 9,84fm & Macropolis.gr

Florian Bieber, Professor of Southeast European History and Politics & Director, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz
Simonida Kacarska, Director, European Policy Institute, Skopje

Remzi Lani, Director, Albanian Media Institute

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 14.00 Second panel: **Towards a new European Commission: What future for Enlargement and Neighborhood policy?**

Moderator: Angelos Athanasopoulos, Diplomatic affairs editor, To Vima weekly

Speakers:

Isabelle Ioannides, Senior Associate Researcher, “European Foreign and Security Policy” research cluster of the Institute for European Studies & Scholar in the Department of Political Science – POLI, Vrije Universiteit Brussel – VUB

Srdjan Cvijić, Senior Policy Analyst on EU external relations, Open Society European Policy Institute

Marilena Koppa, Associate Professor, Panteion University

Kostas Ifantis, Professor, Panteion University & Kadir Has University, Istanbul

14.00 – 15.00 Light Buffet lunch

15.00 – 17.00 Third Panel: **Toughest nut to crack: Is Serbia – Kosovo deal within reach?**

Moderator: Nikolaos Tzifakis, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of the Peloponnese

Speakers:

Donika Emini, Research Fellow, Kosovar Centre for Security Studies
Srdjan Majstorović, Chairman, Governing Board, European Policy Centre – CEP, Belgrade

Dimitris Moschopoulos, Ambassador (ret.), former Head of the Greek Liaison office in Kosovo & former EU Mediator on Serbian Religious and Cultural Heritage in Kosovo

Maja Pišćević, Senior Fellow, EastWest Balkans

Vessela Tcherneva, Deputy Director, European Council on Foreign Relations – ECFR & Head, ECFR Sofia office

17.00 Closing Remarks

Registration is required to attend the event.

RSVP by 26 June to Ms. Evelyn Karakatsani 210 7257124, E-mail: events@eliamep.gr

Policy: First come first served