

## INVITATION

### Enlargement in EU: Comparison of Albania's experience of EU integration process with that of Greece, Bulgaria, Romania

28 January 2020, 10:30-12:00

University "Aleksandër Moisiu" in Durrës

In framework of the project "Deliberating socio-economic impact of EU Integration- Albania and shared regional experiences" being implemented by **European Movement in Albania (EMA)** in partnership with **ELIAMEP**, Greece and with the support of **Central Finance and Contracting Unit, Ministry of Finance and Economy in Albania** under IPA funds of European Union, we are glad to invite you in an activity that will be organized in Durrës with cooperation of University "Aleksandër Moisiu", on **28 January 2020, 10:30-12:00**, focused on Enlargement process of Albania and experience of EU integration of Balkan countries like Greece, Bulgaria and Romania.

This meeting intends to gather various representatives from universities, academic institutions, research centers, national and local CSOs and media to discuss on costs and benefits of the process of European Integration and will increase the interest and information of about this process.

The notable speaker of the activity is **Dr. George Siakas**, who works since 2015 as the Research Director at the Public Opinion Research Unit (PORU) at the University of Macedonia in Greece, specialised in Public Opinion and political research. He holds a PHD in Comparative Politics and has a long experience in designing and implementing European developmental projects.

With essential relevance is the presentation of the Policy Study: "Bulgaria and Romania's EU Accession: - Lessons Learned" prepared by **Dr. Dimitar Bechev**, Director of European Policy Institute, Sofia and one of the senior researchers with extensive experience on Balkans politics, history and EU relations. He received his PHD from Oxford University, while he is affiliated with University of Sofia, London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE) and Harvard University.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance Albanian public awareness of the EU integration as a generator of socio-economic reforms in order to promote the country's Europeanization, understanding challenges of costs-benefits, by providing specific pre and post-accession shared experiences from Greece, Bulgaria and Rumania. Under this initiative, five other activities are planned to be organized in various regions of Albania.



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**PROGRAM of Activity**  
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- 10:00-10:30      **Registration of Participants**
- 10:30-10:45      **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Prof. Asoc. Dr. Andon Kume*, Dean of Political and Legal Sciences,  
Universiteti "Aleksandër Moisiu" Durrës  
  
*Mr. Gledis Gjipali*, Executive Director of European Movement in Albania
- 10:45-11:15      **Attitudes on enlargement in EU Member States**  
- *Trends of anti and pro enlargement attitudes, in EU Member States during last  
20 years*  
- *Implications of these trends for policies*  
  
*Mr. George Siakas*, Research Director, University of Macedonia Research  
Institute Greece
- 11:15-11:30      **Findings and Conclusions of the Policy Study: "Bulgaria and Romania's  
EU Accession: - Lessons Learned" prepared by Dimitar Bechev, Director  
of European Policy Institute, Sofia**  
- *Road to EU for Bulgaria and Romania: what worked and what didn't?*  
- *Actors and factors influencing the EU integration progress*  
- *Lessons learned: Recommendations to Albania and its main actors*  
  
*Presented by: Ms. Nirvana Deliu*, Policy Researcher, European  
Movement in Albania
- 11:30-12:00      **Open discussion with participants**
- The activity will be moderated by Ms. Olta Qejvani, Lecturer at University of Durrës**
- 12:00              **Coffee**