



IED Seminar in Sarajevo - Saturday, March 22

Hotel Europa - Vladislava Skarića 5, Sarajevo 71000

Arrivals (9h00)

Opening Session (9h15) - 15'

- Welcome Speech by **Mr. Mikel Burzako**, CEO of the Institute of European Democrats;
- Recorded Keynote Address by **Mr. Francesco Rutelli**, President of the Institute of European Democrats;
- Address by **His Excellency Mr. Željko Komšić**, Croat Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

(Media will be present for the Opening Session)

Panel I: Western Balkans and the New European Commission (9h30) - 75'

- Western Balkans and the New European Commission:
 - **Prof. Dr. Lejla Ramić-Mesihović**, International Burch University in Sarajevo;
 - **Prof. Dr. Nedžma Džananović Mirašćija**, Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo;
 - **Mrs. Aurélie Valtat**, Head of European Integration, Political, Press and Information Section of the European External Action Service in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Second Trump Administration: Europe and the Western Balkans:
 - **Dr. Kurt Bassuener**, PhD - University of St. Andrews Scotland, Co-Founder and Senior Associate at the Democratization Policy Council;
 - **Prof. Dr. Adis Maksic**, International Burch University, in Sarajevo;
 - **Mr. Miodrag Vlahović**, President of Montenegrin Helsinki Committee, former MFA;
- What are the consequences on the situation in Ukraine?
 - **H.E. Oleksandr Levčenko**, former Ambassador of Ukraine in Croatia;

Coffee Break (10h45) - 15'

Panel II: EU and the Western Balkans - Status Quo and/or Enlargement? (11h) - 90'

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Panel II – A

- Introduction:
 - **Mr. Roman Jakič**, Former Minister of Defence of Slovenia, Former Member of the European Parliament;
 - **Prof. Dr. Dimitar Kovachevski**, Member of Parliament and Former Prime Minister of North Macedonia;
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - **Prof. Dr. Lejla Ramić-Mesihović**, International Burch University in Sarajevo;
- Georgia
 - **Mr. Nikoloz Samkharadze**, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee the Parliament of Georgia;
- Albania
 - **Ms. Renisa Selenica**, Representative of the Erasmus Student Network of Tirana, Albania;
- Kosovo
 - **H.E./Prof. Dr. Bernard Nikaj**, Rochester Institute of Technology in Prishtina, former Ambassador of Kosovo;

Lunch break (12h30) - 90'

Panel II: EU and the Western Balkans - Status Quo and/or Enlargement? (14h) - 90'

Panel II – B (continuation) Prospective of US-EU relations

- Introduction:
 - **Mr. Veton Surroi**, Founder of KOHA Media Group, peace and independence negotiator for Kosovo, journalist and writer, Former Member of the Kosovo Assembly;
 - **Prof. Dr. Nikola Samardžić**, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade;
- Albania
 - **Mr. Genc Pollo**, President of Pan Europa, Senior Research Fellow at the Albanian Institute for International Studies, former Deputy Prime Minister of Albania;
- Montenegro
 - **Mr. Vatroslav Belan**, President of the Liberal Party of Montenegro, former State Secretary at the Ministry of Culture and Media;
- North Macedonia
 - **Dimitar Kovachevski**, Member of the Parliament of North Macedonia, Former Prime Minister of North Macedonia;
- Czech Republic
 - **Ivo Kaplan**, Evropský Institut Renaissance;
- Hungary
 - **Laszlo Csozik**, Mayor of Érd;

Closing Session (15h30) - 30'

- Adoption of Joint Communiqué.