

Western Balkans in 2020

Overcoming the Economic Crisis and Developing Competitive Economies

Agenda for a Regional Conference

*Hotel Holiday Inn, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
24-25 February 2010*

DAY ONE - FEBRUARY 24

16.30 – 17.00 **Arrival of participants and registration**

17.00 – 17.30 **Welcome Address**

H.E. Hido Bišćević *SECRETARY GENERAL, REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL*

Mr. Eduard Kukan *CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF SOUTH EAST EUROPE,
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT*

Mr. Javier Martin *ASSISTANT DEPUTY GENERAL DIRECTOR, SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS*

Ms. Elisabeth Hagen *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES*

17.30 – 18.30 **Global Crisis in the Western Balkans – Impact to Date and Outlook**

Keynote Speeches:

Mr. Fikret Čaušević *MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, CENTRAL BANK OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA*

Mr. Vladimir Gligorov *STAFF ECONOMIST, VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES*

Mr. Ales Gnamus *RESEARCHER, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE – IPTS, SEVILLE*

General Discussion

19.00 **Reception**

DAY TWO - FEBRUARY 25

09.00 – 10.30 **Crisis Response in the Western Balkans and EU and IFIs Assistance**

Chairperson: **Mr. Yngve Engström**, *HEAD OF UNIT, D3 - REGIONAL PROGRAMMES, DG ENLARGEMENT,
EUROPEAN COMMISSION*

Introductory Speeches:

Mr. Massimo Cingolani *DEPUTY HEAD OF THE WESTERN BALKANS DIVISION, EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK*

Mr. Giulio Moreno *HEAD OF OFFICE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT*

Mr. Daniel Daianu *PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, NATIONAL SCHOOL OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
(SNSPA), BUCHAREST*

Discussants:

Mr. Vjekoslav Domljan *PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO*

Ms. Jana Repanšek *DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE, LJUBLJANA*

Ms. Mary O'Mahony *HEAD OF OFFICE, EC/IFI COORDINATION OFFICE*

General Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 12.30 Sources of Regional Competitiveness – Sectoral, SMEs, Innovation, Labour Market
Chairperson: **Mr. Sanjin Arifagić**, SENIOR EXPERT ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL

Introductory Speeches:

Mr. Alistair Nolan	HEAD, OECD INVESTMENT COMPACT FOR SOUTH EAST EUROPE
Mr. Vlastimir Matejić	PROFESSOR, EUROPEAN CENTER FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT, BELGRADE
Mr. Aleksandar Kovačević	SENIOR VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW, OXFORD INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY STUDIES

Discussants:

Ms. Svetlana Cenić	PROFESSOR, BANJA LUKA
Mr. Remus Pricopie	CHAIR, TASK FORCE FOSTERING AND BUILDING HUMAN CAPITAL
Mr. Elvir Čaušević	PROFESSOR, SARAJEVO SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

General Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 –15.30 Increased Regional Integration and the Role of EU Accession: During and After the Crisis
Chairperson: **Mr. Franz Lothar Altmann**, PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

Introductory Speeches:

Ms. Renata Vitez	DIRECTOR, CEFTA 2006 SECRETARIAT, BRUSSELS
Ms. Višnja Samardžija	HEAD OF EID, INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ZAGREB
Ms. Milica Uvalić	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI PERUGIA
Mr. Predrag Bjelić	PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

Discussants:

Ms. Nevenka Savić	DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Mr. Muhamet Sadiku	VICE PRESIDENT, RIINVEST, PRISTINA
Mr. Đuro Kutlača	HEAD OF S&T POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE, MIHAJLO PUPIN INSTITUTE, BELGRADE

General Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.30 Conclusions and Recommendations
Chairperson: **Ms. Vesna Bojičić-Dželilović**, SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, LSE

Introductory Speeches:

Mr. Goran Radman	CHAIRMAN, RCC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Mr. Blaž Golob	DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR eGOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENT IN SEE

Discussants:

Mr. Albert Rakipi	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALBANIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, TIRANA
Ms. Jelica Minić	DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL