

ENHANCING REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION: a pillar of the European path of the Western Balkans

Sixth Regional (Jumbo)
Security Coordination Conference



6 December 2021, Paris | Venue: Institute for Higher National Defense Studies (IHEDN)

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 09:25

Opening Remarks:

- Lieutenant-General Benoît Durieux, Director of the IHEDN (or representative)
- Mr. Frédéric Mondoloni, Director for Continental Europe, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- Ms. Majlinda Bregu, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretary General

09:25 – 09:40

Family photo

09:40 – 11:10

Session 1: Regional security cooperation: where do we stand?

Chair: Christina Vasak, Advisor to the Director of the IHEDN
for the French Presidency of the EU Council

Panelists:

- Ambassador Jean-Claude Brunet, Special Representative for transnational criminal threats, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General, DG NEAR, European Commission
- Mr. Amer Kapetanovic, Head of Political Department, RCC

Participants for the round-table discussion: *Regional security in RCC's agenda* – RCC National Coordinators from Western Balkans

- Mr. Besfort Lamallari, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior, Albania
- Mr. Bakir Sadović, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ms. Tatjana Raspopović, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Montenegro in France
- Mr. Dzenk Sejfula, Director, Directorate for European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia
- Mr. Pavle Janković, Head of Department for Regional Initiatives, Sector for the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Serbia

11:10 – 11:30

Break

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Session 2: Radicalization and violent extremism

Chair: Mr. Agron Sojati, Head of IISG Secretariat

Panelists:

- Ms. Valentine Altmayer, French Ministry of the Interior: *Presentation of PHAROS (national platform for the detection and referral of terrorist content online)*
- Mr. Naoufel Gaied, Head of the Department against violent radicalization, French Ministry of Justice

Round table discussion on deradicalization (including resocialization of foreign terrorist fighters).

- Ms. Lejdi Dervishi, CVE Center Director, Albania
- Ms. Ivana Veselcic, Assistant Minister, Counter-Terrorism Department Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Mensur Hoti, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Department of Public Safety Kosovo*
- Ms. Nadja Vujovic, Advisor, Ministry of the Interior, Montenegro
- Mr. Xheladin Ajvazi, Deputy National Coordinator of the Committee for Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism, North Macedonia

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30

Session 3 : Illegal migration flows and their impact on security of the Western Balkans and Europe

Chair: Ms. Jorida Shytaj, Senior Political Advisor, RCC

Panelists:

- Mr. Sasko Kocev, Director of MAARI RC: *Update on the Western Balkans migrant route (and potential effect of the Afghan crisis)*
- Mr. Pawel Sliwinski, Team Leader, Western Balkans and Turkey, International Cooperation Unit, FRONTEX: *Update on the action of Frontex in the Western Balkans*
- Mr. Erwann Tor, Coordinator for the fight against trafficking of human beings in SEE, French MFA: *The action of France in the fight against trafficking of human beings among the migrants in SEE*
- Mr. Berndt Körner, Head of Joint Coordination Platform, Austria
- Ms. Donatella Bradic, Regional Project Manager, Team Leader Migration Management, Western Balkans, IOM Serbia

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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Round table discussion – Coordinators from WB (and/or other national PoC of MARRI).

- Ms. Ankica Tomic, MARRI Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Asdren Gashi, MARRI Representative for Kosovo*
- Ms. Neli Rasovic, MARRI Representative for Montenegro
- Mr. Aleksandar Todosiev, Programme Manager, MARRI RC
- Ms. Anastasija Naumova, Strategic Development and Coordination Officer, MARRI RC

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 17:30

Session 4 : Organized crime and illegal trafficking activities

Chair: Ambassador Jean-Claude Brunet, *Special Representative for transnational criminal threats, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs*

Panelists:

- Ms. Maja Pinjo Talevska, Senior Expert/Deputy Head of IISG Secretariat
- Mr. Florent Nourian, French customs: The French strategy against illicit financial flows: Presentation and lessons learned
- Ms. Rachel Chetham, Head of Security and Countering Serious and Organised Crime, Western Balkans Department, FCO, UK
- Ms. Louise Portas, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption Economic Crime Branch, UNODC: *Update on the regional illicit Finance and Anti-Corruption Roadmap*
- Ms. Juliana Buzi, Regional Cooperation Specialist, UNDP SEESAC: *Update on Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap*

Round-table discussion: IISG national contact points for WBCSCI pillar:

- Mr. Gjergji Oshafi, Chief of Investigation for narcotics and trafficking, Department of Criminal Police, Ministry of Interior, Albania
- Ms. Ivana Veselčić, Assistant Minister, Counter-Terrorism Department Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Colonel Florie Hajra, Division against the organized crime, Police Directorate, Kosovo*
- Mr. Marjan Shutinovski, Head of mobile unit for compensatory measures in Border police; Deputy assistant head of TASK FORCE (Unit for suppression of Smuggling Migrants and human trafficking), North Macedonia
- Ms. Marija Arsenović, Criminal Inspector for International Operational Police, Department for fighting organized crime, Ministry of Interior, Serbia

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17:30 – 18:00

Final remarks

- Mr. Amer Kapetanovic, Head of Political Department, RCC
- Mr. Jérôme Bresson, Deputy director for Security and Defense Cooperation, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

18:00 – 19:30

Closing cocktail