

Western Balkans Reflection Forum Series – the Berlin Process and EU Enlargement Strategy

The European Union and the Western Balkans: How to boost the renewed momentum for enlargement?

*A Reflection Paper Discussion and Roundtable
in the framework of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

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**Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU
Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels**

The event is a continuation of the third Western Balkans Reflection Forum at the Austrian Permanent Representation on 4 July 2018. The Western Balkans Reflection Forum is a Europe-wide think tank and dialogue initiative launched by the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (ÖFZ), the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri) in 2014.

Matteo Bonomi of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) will give a keynote speech, presenting a policy paper on the outcome of the last reflection forum. The paper takes stock of recent developments six months after the Sofia Summit and assesses the challenges the current approach to enlargement is facing, such as economic and demographic development in the region, and the implications of Brexit for the Western Balkans.

This will be followed by a panel debate with Rainer Münz, Adviser on Migration and Demography to the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), Brussels, Simonida Kacarska, Director of the European Policy Institute (EPI), Skopje, Adnan Ćerimagić, Analyst at the European Stability Initiative (ESI), Sarajevo, and Stefan Lehne, Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe, Brussels.

The discussion will be moderated by Sabina Lange from the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA).

The event will be followed by a cocktail reception.

Registration is compulsory. Please send an email to Registration.Brussels@swp-berlin.org.

Programme

15h00: Opening

- Klaus WÖLFER, Director for EU Enlargement and South-East Europe, Austrian Ministry of Integration, Europe and Foreign Affairs, Vienna
- Magda STUMVOLL, Project Coordinator and Research Fellow, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

15h10: Reflection Paper Presentation

- Matteo BONOMI, Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

15h20: Panel discussion

- Rainer MÜNZ, Adviser on Migration and Demography, European Political Strategy Centre, Brussels
- Simonida KACARSKA, Director, European Policy Institute, Skopje
- Adnan ČERIMAGIĆ, Analyst, European Stability Initiative, Sarajevo
- Stefan LEHNE, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

Moderation: Sabina LANGE, Senior Lecturer, European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht

17h00: End of the event, followed by a cocktail reception

The meeting takes place under the Chatham House Rule. The language of the discussions will be English.

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