

Improving Democratic Governance to Unlock Growth in Southeast Europe: Dialogue on Current Policies and Future Perspectives

Roundtable Discussion

Venue: Hotel 88 Rooms

Belgrade, Serbia

AGENDA

19 June, 2017

9.30 – 10.00	<p>Opening</p> <p>Mr. Ruslan Stefanov, Coordinator, Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI)</p> <p>Dr. Radu Cotici, Expert on Governance for Growth, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo</p> <p>Ms Marijana Obradovic, Assistant Director for Prevention, Anti-corruption Agency, Serbia</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <p>Prof. Vesna Pesic, Senior Scientific Associate, Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory and author at Peščanik, Belgrade</p>
10.00 – 11.15	<p><i>Closing the Democratic Governance and Market Economy Gaps: Defining and Addressing Corruption and State Capture Risks in SEE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the governance and anti-corruption status-quo in SEE? What monitoring tools and policies have worked best in the past decade? • Where do state capture claims come from? Is state capture different from corruption? Does it have better explanatory power? How can we best define and measure state capture? • What have the EU and SEE countries achieved in good governance in SEE in the past decades? What are the risks in the changing geopolitical environment? <p>After a keynote overview, each discussant would have 5 minutes to present a prepared intervention, followed by a general round table discussion.</p> <p>Introduction and Moderator: Mr. Ruslan Stefanov, Coordinator, Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Mr. Bojan Elek, Researcher, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Coordinator, National Network PrEUgovor, Belgrade</p>

	<p>Ms. Emina Nuredinoska, Head of Civil Society and Democracy Department, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation</p> <p>Mr. Igor Stojanovic, Director Development, Centre for Civic Initiatives, Banja Luka</p> <p>Ms. Milica Kovačević, Centre for Democratic Transition, Montenegro</p>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Reinvigorating the Governance Dialogue in SEE: the Role of Civil Society and New Ideas for EU and Regional Good Governance Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much do regional formats matter, and what is the role of the “international community”? • Are there alternatives to the EU governance model in the Western Balkans? • What are some of the obstacles for improving the effectiveness of the EU conditionality strategy when addressing the gaps in the rule of law, and the fight against corruption? • How can Western Balkan CSOs become more engaged in the policy-making process and in improving governance standards? <p>After a keynote overview, each discussant would have between 3 and 5 minutes to present a prepared intervention</p> <p>Introduction and Moderator: Igor Bandovic, Senior Programme Manager, European Fund for the Balkans</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Ms. Marija Mitic, European Union Delegation to the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Dr. Itir Akdogan, Director of Research, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, Istanbul</p> <p>Dr. Alban Hashani, Executive Director, RIINVEST</p> <p>Munir Podumljak, Executive Director, Partnership for Social Development, Croatia</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch

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