

DEMOCRACY THAT DELIVERS: TEN YEARS LATER UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE WESTERN BALKANS

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Speakers' Bio Notes



Dr. Ognian Shentov

Dr. Ognian Shentov is Chairman of the Center for the Study of Democracy since the organization was founded in late 1989, He is also co-founder and Chairman of the Applied Research and Communications Fund, the leading Bulgarian innovation policy and research institute established in 1991.

Dr. Shentov has worked on a variety of international projects on institutional reforms in Bulgaria and other countries in transition. He has written and edited a number of publications on the issues of transition to democracy, institutional reforms and soft security threats. He is currently engaged in a national initiative on promoting good governance for sustainable growth of the energy sector – development of policy options and instruments for enhancing the implementation and delivery of green energy and achieving energy efficiency in Bulgaria.

Dr. Shentov is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of the New Bulgarian University in Sofia and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Bulgarian Green Building Council. He has served on the Steering Committees and boards of a range of NGOs and public policy initiatives, such as the Center for Economic Development, Center for Social Practices, Coalition 2000 anti-corruption initiative, National Crime Prevention Commission with the Council of Ministers, etc

He has been a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics and has researched at US policy institutes and think-tanks.



Christian Danielsson

In October 2013, Mr Danielsson was appointed Director General for Enlargement at the European Commission in Brussels. Under the political guidance of Commissioner Johannes Hahn, Mr Danielsson manages the Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations Directorate General.

Before that he was Deputy Secretary General in charge of Directorate F (Relations with the European Council/Council, International Relations and G8/G20 Co-ordination) and Directorate G (Relations with the European Parliament, the Committees and General Institutional Issues) and Protocol Service (2011 – 2013), and worked at DG Enlargement as Director for Directorate B which is responsible for the three candidate countries

Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey (2006 – 2008). He has also held the posts of Ambassador of Sweden to the EU (2008 – 2010), Head of the Turkey Unit at DG Enlargement (2005- 2008), Deputy Head of Cabinet of Vice President Verheugen (2002-2005), Minister at Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU (1999-2002), Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Anita Gradini (1995-1999) and Counsellor, Swedish Permanent Delegation to the EU (1992-1995).

Mr Danielsson is a graduate in Business Administration and Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics.



Hedvig Morvai

Hedvig Morvai is the Executive Director of the European Fund for the Balkans. The Fund is designed to help European foundations to become more actively involved in the Western Balkans and to prepare the countries of the region for their future in the EU.

In the period of 2002 – 2007 she was director of the Citizens' Pact for South Eastern Europe (CPSEE), a regional initiative focused on cross border and regional cooperation of local communities and NGOs in SEE. With the CPSEE she was leading the "Visa Abolishment Campaign", what became the flagship and most successful initiative of the organization. Prior to this she was coordinating the Carpathian Information Exchange Network – AGORA, later the Novi Sad office of Partnership for Democratic Changes and she was engaged in the EXIT Festival team.

She studied law and communications in Novi Sad and Belgrade and followed numerous courses, trainings and alternative education programmes in Europe. She is an alumna of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence in the scope of the CoE Network of Schools for Political Studies.

She is member of the Board of the European Citizen Action Service, advisory board member of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, of the Exit Festival, Share Festival, member of the Epos Network and the Serbian-American Women's Leadership Network.

In 2006 she was laureate of the "Winning Freedom" ("Osvajanje slobode") award, widely recognised in Serbia and handed by the Maja Marsicevic-Tasic Foundation to women whose actions intercede in favor of affirmation of Human Rights principles, the rule of law, democracy and tolerance.



Thorsten Geissler

Thorsten Geissler is Director of the Rule of Law Program South East Europe, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, since 2010. He has had a significant political career in Germany, where he held several positions: Senator for the Environment, Security and Public Order, Deputy Mayor and Councilor of the city of Lübeck, member of the Schleswig-Holstein State legislature. Mr. Geissler has expertise in German constitutional law, environmental law, internal affairs, and judicial appointments.



Ambassador Elisabeth I. Millard

Elisabeth I. Millard took up her position as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs on September 5, 2017. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, she served as Ambassador to Tajikistan from January 2016 until September 2017. She previously served as Acting Executive Secretary of the Department of State and as Deputy Executive Secretary of the Department of State.

Ms. Millard's overseas assignments include Kazakhstan, Morocco, Nepal, India, Denmark, and the Czech Republic. In Washington, she served as Special

Assistant to the President and Senior Director for South and Central Asian Affairs at the National Security Council, as well as in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and in the Operations Center. Before joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Millard worked in the private sector in the United States and the Middle East.

Ms. Millard earned a B.Sc. (Econ) from the London School of Economics, an M.A. from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and studied at the University of Geneva. Ms. Millard speaks French, Swedish, and Danish, as well as conversational German and Russian.



Ekaterina Zaharieva

Ekaterina Zaharieva is Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria since May 4th, 2017. She has been elected Member of Parliament in March 26th 2017. Previously she has been Minister of Justice (2015-2017), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and Public Works (2013), Chief of Staff to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria (2013-2015), General secretary of the Administration of President Rossen Plevneliev (2012-2013) and

Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works in the first (2009-2013).

She holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Plovdiv 'Paisii Hilendarski'. She specialized at the National School of Administration (ENA) in Paris, the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe, the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin, Ireland. She practiced as an attorney-at-law and a legal Advisor and Director of the Legal Directorate in the Ministry of Environment and Waters. Ms. Zaharieva speaks German and English fluently.



Professor Florian Bieber

Florian Bieber is a political scientist and historian working on inter-ethnic relations, ethnic conflict and nationalism, focusing on Southeastern Europe. He is a Professor in South East European History and Politics and director of the Center for South East European Studies at the University of Graz. He coordinates the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group.

He is also a Visiting Professor at the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University and is the editor of the book series *Southeast European Studies*, published with Routledge (formerly Ashgate) and edits the open access

journal *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*.

He was the editor in chief of Nationalities Papers between 2009 and 2013 and is the associate editor of Southeastern Europe as well as being on the editorial board of a number of publications.

He studied at Trinity College (USA), the University of Vienna and Central European University (Hungary) and received his M.A. in Political Science and History and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Vienna, as well as an M.A. in Southeast European Studies from Central European University (Budapest).

Before coming to Graz, he was a Lecturer in East European Politics at the Department of Politics and International Relations of the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK. From January to May 2009, he held the Luigi Einaudi Chair at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York and in Spring 2010, he was a visiting fellow at LSEE – Research on South Eastern Europe at the London School of Economics. In Spring 2016, he was a visiting fellow at the Remarque Institute of New York University.

Between 2001 and 2006, he has been working in Belgrade (Serbia) and Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) for the European Centre for Minority Issues. and has taught at the Regional Masters Program for Democracy and Human Rights, University of Sarajevo and the Interdisciplinary Master in East European Studies, University of Bologna. He has been an International Policy Fellow of the Open Society Institute and taught at the Balkan Studies Program of the IDM.



James H. Mackey

James H. Mackey is the Head of Euro-Atlantic and Global Partnership in the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division at NATO Headquarters.

In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing NATO's relationship with partner countries in Western Europe, the Western Balkans, the South Caucasus, Central Asia, the Asia Pacific, and Latin America.

Before assuming this position in 2011, Mr. Mackey served for seven years as an officer in the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division at NATO, where he was responsible for NATO's bilateral relations with a number of partner countries, including Georgia, Serbia, Republic of Moldova, Belarus, Bosnia and

Herzegovina, and Kyrgyzstan.

In 2010, he was detailed to the Private Office of the Secretary General to conduct a reform of the NATO intelligence-sharing process.

Mr. Mackey is a former Luce Scholar, and spent 2000-2001 teaching international relations theory at the Beijing Foreign Affairs College.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Princeton University and a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.



Igor Bandovic

Igor Bandovic is a Senior Programme Manager for the European Fund for the Balkans where he has been working since 2008. He is in charge for the "Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group" policy research initiative developed in cooperation with the Centre For Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz, Austria and "Think and Link", capacity building programme for the emerging think tanks in the region of Western Balkans He also coordinated the Gallup Balkan Monitor, regional public opinion survey which was conducted through partnership with Gallup Europe (2009-2011). Before joining EFB, Igor Bandovic worked for the different international organizations, including International

Organization for Migration and United Nations Development Programme as a researcher and trainer in the areas of human rights protection. From 2002 to 2006, Igor worked for the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights where his research priorities were human rights education, civil society, transitional justice, war crimes and nationalism. He was conducting research and analyzing public attitudes towards the ICTY and national war crimes trials (2003-2005). His recent publications include research paper: "The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Influencing the Policy-Making Process in the Western Balkans – Perspectives and Obstacles", research report: "The Role of Human and Minority Rights in the Process of Reconstruction and Consolidation for State and Nation Building - the Case of Serbia", research paper "The Role of Non-governmental Organizations and their Impact on Good Governance in Serbia" and others. Igor's engagement in civil society movement started in 1997, when he established "Libergraf," the nongovernmental organization which has dealt with the public education, the promotion of human rights and civic activism.



Ruslan Stefanov

Ruslan Stefanov is Director of the Economic Program of the Center for the Study of Democracy. Mr Stefanov has more than 15 years of experience in delivering high quality research and civil society solutions to governance problems in Southeast Europe and in Bulgaria. He has extensive consulting experience

through Vitosha Research EOOD, CSD's consulting arm. Ruslan is a Marie Curie Research Fellow at the Sheffield University Management School.

He is the coordinator of the Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI.net), the largest indigenous regional anticorruption network of 30 civil society organizations from the Western Balkans and Turkey. Ruslan is a member of the Local Research Correspondents Network on anticorruption of DG Home of the European Commission, and is part of the largest ever European Union research effort on anticorruption—ANTICORRP.eu. Since 2002 he has been coordinator of the Economics of Corruption and Hidden Economy Group at CSD as well as editor of the economy section of the annual CSD Corruption Monitoring Report.

Ruslan has been a regular contributor to European Parliament briefings on corruption, organized crime, and the hidden economy in Bulgaria and in Central and Eastern Europe. He has participated in the work of the UNODC Expert Group for Anti-Corruption Coordination. Ruslan is a member of the Free Enterprise and Democracy Network and the Development Institute of the Center for International Private Enterprise and a member of the Advisory Board of the Cluster for Research on the Informal Sector and Policy at the University of Sheffield.

Ruslan's second major area of interest is innovation and competitiveness. He has been the coordinator of the Bulgarian chapter in IMD's Global Competitiveness Yearbook since 2006, and is the editor of Innovation.bg, the foremost monitoring and assessment tool of research and innovation policy in Bulgaria. He was part of the expert group on Smart Specialization in Romania and Bulgaria of DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission. Ruslan has continuously analyzed the governance, performance and innovation potential of European Union Structural and Investment Funds in Bulgaria since 1999.



Colin Wolfe

Colin Wolfe was appointed Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation in the Directorate General for Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission, in January 2017. He is responsible for the Regional Cooperation policy approach, as well as supporting multi-country assistance programmes. Previously, Colin held several posts in the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy. In particular, he was Head of the Competence Centre Smart & Sustainable Growth. He was also responsible for regional cooperation, including the development of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, and the full

range of INTERREG programmes in the EU-28. Prior to his different responsibilities for regional cooperation, Colin worked in the Budget and Employment services of the Commission. He also spent considerable time with Directorate General Enlargement, negotiating the accession of Hungary and Malta. In 2001, he became Head of Unit in EuropeAid, covering institution-building in the Western Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia. In 2003 he moved to Head of Unit for Czech Republic & Slovakia in the Regional Policy service to oversee their accession. He is a graduate in natural sciences of the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland, and holds a postgraduate degree in geography from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.



Haakon Blankenborg

Haakon Blankenborg is Director, Section for South East Europe of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2012. Previously, he was: Director, Western Balkans section (2011 -2012), Senior adviser, MFA (2010-2011), Ambassador to Serbia (and Montenegro) (2006- 2010), Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro (2005-2006), Member of Parliament 1981-2005 (alternate member 1977-1981), Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs 1993-2005 (Chairman 1993-2001), Member of the Enlarged Committee on Foreign Affairs 1993-2005 (Chairman: 1993-2001), Member of the Standing Committee on Local Government

and the Environment 1989 – 1993 (Chairman: 1990 – 1993) and Member of the Standing Committee on Church and education 1981-1989 (Chairman: 1985-1989).



Lisa Mossberg

Lisa Mossberg holds a Master of European Integration degree from the University in Lund. She has been working with development cooperation since 1998. Before joining Sida in 2006 she worked with the Kvinna till Kvinna foundation for five years where she contributed to the development of the organizations work in the Balkans and with UNDP in Albania for two years. At Sida she has worked at the Balkans unit and the Humanitarian unit before her present position as Planning Coordinator at the Department for Europe and

Latin America. During 2017 she coordinated the Mid Term Review of the Results strategy for Sweden's reform cooperation with Eastern Europe, the Western Balkan and Turkey.



Roland Python

Roland Python is the Head of the Swiss Contribution Office in Bulgaria. Previously, he was Head of the Swiss Contribution Office in Bucharest, and director of the Swiss Contribution Office in Warsaw in from 2013, following his role as the deputy head of the Office since summer 2012. Before arriving in Poland, Mr Python was deputy head of the New EU Member States Division in Bern, following his work as deputy director of the Cooperation Office in Sofia, Bulgaria until 2006. He joined the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) of the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs in 1996, to work on water and infrastructure projects. Before joining SDC, he worked for 10 years for several civil engineering consultancy companies in Switzerland and abroad. Mr. Python holds a master's degree in Civil Engineering and an Executive Master in Business Administration.



Srdjan Cvijic

Srdjan Cvijic is a senior policy analyst on EU external relations. Cvijic engages in analysis and advocacy concerning EU enlargement in the Western Balkans and Turkey, and in the Middle East and North Africa. He also engages in advocacy in the fields of rights, values, and international law. His recent focus has been on the EU Strategic Framework for Human Rights and Democracy and counterterrorism policies of EU member states in their foreign and security policy, particularly in relation to armed drones.

Cvijic has been engaged in EU policy work since 2005. Before joining the Open Society Foundations in 2015, he worked at the Association of Local Democracy Agencies, the European Policy Centre, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, and in the diplomatic service of the Republic of Serbia. He has published academic and policy-related articles on international public law, international humanitarian law, and international human rights law relative to EU foreign policy and EU enlargement issues.

Cvijic holds a PhD from the Law Department of the European University Institute in Florence and an MA in international relations and European studies from Central European University in Budapest. He speaks English, French, Italian, Russian, and Serbo-Croatian.



Hideya Kobayashi

Hideya Kobayashi is the Chief Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Balkan Office. Mr. Kobayashi previously served as Senior Director of Operations Strategy Department, JICA HQ and was in charge of “ Quality Infrastructure Investment” , Gender Mainstreaming and collaboration with NGOs. Before being appointed Senior Director of Operation Strategy Department, he was the Senior Deputy Resident Representative of JICA Afghanistan Office from 2010 to 2011.

After more than 10 years of experience in a Financial institution in Japan, Mr. Kobayashi began his career with JICA in 2000 in South Asia Department, JICA HQ. In 2001, he was posted to Resident Representative of JICA Sri Lanka Office and handled Health & Education sector and Operations in conflict affected area. In 2006, Mr. Kobayashi moved to Grant Aid Management Department and started his management positions in JICA.



Ambassador Dr. Klaus Wölfer

Dr. Klaus Wölfer is Head of the Department for Southeast Europe and EU Enlargement, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria since Sept. 2017. Dr. Wölfer was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Turkey from 2012 to 2017, following his posting to Indonesia, Singapore, and Timor-Leste, resident in Jakarta, from 2007 to 2011.

Previously, Dr. Wölfer was Head of the Directorate General for the Arts, Federal Chancellery (Prime Minister's Office) of the Republic of Austria/Vienna (2002-2006), Director of the Austrian Cultural Institute in Rome (1996-2002). He also worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna at the Political Department for the Balkan-Crisis-Zone between 1991 and 1996, and at the Austrian Embassies in Rome, Belgrade, Budapest and Zagreb.

Dr. Klaus Wölfer graduated in Law from the Vienna University and attended the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He speaks German, English, Italian, French, Serbian/Croatian and has knowledge of Spanish and Indonesian.



Ambassador Avgustina Tzvetkova

Ambassador Avgustina Tzvetkova is a graduate from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” in History and Archeology. Her professional career started as a journalist with the Bulgarian National Radio and the Bulgarian National Television. During the period of 1995 - 2006 she was Program Director and Secretary General of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria. She served as a Vice President of the Atlantic Treaty Association and chaired the Euro-Atlantic Education Initiative Foundation. From September 2009 to March 2010 Avgustina Tzvetkova was a political adviser to Mr. Nickolay Mladenov in both his capacities as Minister of Defence and subsequently, Minister of Foreign Affairs. From March 2010 till March 2013 she was a Deputy Defence Minister with a portfolio encompassing strategic planning and defence policy, bilateral consultations, relations with NATO and the EU, and anti-corruption policies. In the period 2015 - 2016 Mrs. Tzvetkova served as a defence and security adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria. Since 5 October 2016 she is an Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Her additional areas of expertise comprise regional cooperation, Euro-Atlantic integration and NATO Building Integrity Programme (BI). In 2013 Mrs. Tzvetkova became a senior adviser at Transparency International (TI)-UK Defence and Security Programme and a BI NATO subject matter expert. She participated as a speaker at the UN Anti-corruption Convent in Panama; Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC), Sarajevo; International Anti-corruption Academy, Vienna; NATO BI Conferences in Monterey and Washington DC; Sixth Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Mrs. Tzvetkova was a key note speaker at the TI UK Senior Leaders Days in Georgia and Ukraine. She is a lecturer at NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany; NDU Shrivenham, UK; National Defence University of Ukraine; George C. Marshall Center - European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.



Zoran Zaev

Zoran Zaev is the Prime Minister of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 31 May 2017.

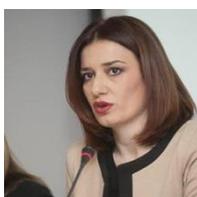
Mr. Zaev began his political career in 2003, as a Member of Parliament in the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia. On the local elections in 2005, Zaev was elected mayor of the Municipality of Strumica. Zaev has received the European Council Best Practice Award for the first public-private partnership in the Republic of Macedonia, implemented in the construction of the “Global” object. Under his rule, the Municipality of Strumica has received the greatest governmental acknowledgement in the ecology domain (2007-2008). He was re-elected mayor of Strumica in 2009 and 2013.

Zoran Zaev graduated in economics at the Department for Economy of the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius. He is currently undergoing post graduate studies in monetary economy and finances at the same University. Zaev speaks English and Serbian.



Alexander Gerganov

Alexander Gerganov is a Senior Analyst for the Economic Program of the Center for the Study of Democracy. Dr. Gerganov’s main fields of specialization are corruption research, victimization studies (conventional crime), and grey economy. He focuses on methodology, statistical analysis in social research and mathematical modelling of big data and complex processes in the social sciences. He has participated in many multidisciplinary international research projects since 2005 and has been a part of CSD and Vitoshka Research agency since 2009. He has contributed methodologically to the update and implementation of the Corruption Monitoring System, the Conventional crime indicators, the Grey economy indicators, and to the development of MACPI – an innovative instrument for monitoring and assessment of anti-corruption policies. He was responsible for data quality, and methodological control for the 2014 and 2016 SELDI corruption surveys, conducted in nine counties. Alexander Gerganov is also an assistant professor at the Social Survey Research Center, part of the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.



Jovana Marović

Jovana Marović is Executive Director of the Politikon Network, a think tank based in Podgorica. She studied at the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade where she received her doctorate. Between 2004-2016, Jovana worked as a Counselor for the European Union in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ multilateral department, Advisor for International Relations and European Integration within the Cabinet of the Budva Municipality’s Mayor, Research Coordinator at the Institute Alternative (think tank and scientific research institute) and Special Advisor to the Minister of Labor and Social Welfare. She

is also engaged in lecturing. Jovana is a Member of the Working Group for Chapter 23, Judiciary and Fundamental Rights, within the Montenegrin Accession Negotiations for EU membership.



Dr. Zef Preçi

Dr. Preçi has more than 25 years of working experience in economic research. He held high profile public positions such as, Minister of Economy and Privatization (1999), Economic Adviser to the President of the Republic (2002-2004), first Chairman of the Competition Authority (2004-2005); as well as performing representative tasks at different levels within the business community and civil society. He has provided expertise for various international institutions in capacity building, institutional development, economic and development policies etc. He is author of a considerable number of articles and various studies. Currently, Mr. Preci is the Editor in chief of "Albanian Socio-Economic Review" (former 'Economy and Transition'), Member of the Supervisory Council of the Public Company for Energy Production, representative of civil society in the National Council for Gender Equality and member of the State Aid Commission. In addition, he holds the position of Executive Director of the Albanian Center for Economic Research.



Ana Marjanovic Rudan

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Nikola Burazer

Nikola Burazer is Programme Director at the Centre for Contemporary Politics and the Executive Editor at European Western Balkans. Previously he worked as a researcher for diverse NGOs in Belgrade and Zagreb. Mr Burazer holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Belgrade, a MA in Political Theory, political sociology and Institutions from the University of Belgrade and an MA in Nationalism Studies from the Central European University.



Zoran Nechev

Zoran Nechev specialises in EU-Western Balkans relations and the external dimensions of EU justice and home affairs. Since 2014, he has been an academic guest at the Center for International and Comparative Studies, ETH Zürich, examining the effects of the EU's conditionality policy on rule of law in the Western Balkans. He also heads the Center for EU Integration at the Institute for Democracy 'Societas Civilis', Skopje. He is a Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung KAS Macedonia PhD Fellow. At the EUISS, he is a Senior Associate Fellow involved in activities relating to the EU Global Strategy, as well as justice and home affairs in the Western Balkans.



Milica Kovacevic

Milica Kovacevic is the President of the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT). She has been active in civil society organizations for over a decade, and she joined CDT in 2001. Her expertise includes elections, parliamentary development, institutional capacity development, civic participation, campaigns and communications and message development and public relations for non-profits. As trainer and consultant she worked with many NGOs and civic groups in Western Balkans, Eurasia and Middle East, helping them to develop strategic goals and plans, design civic actions and campaigns, build partnerships and contact internal reforms.