



Poznań 2019

Western Balkans Summit

Panels

July 3rd: Think Tank Forum

Time	Topic	Description	Speakers/panelists	Room
From 12:00		Registration		Orange
14:00-14:15	Opening session	Welcome address	Mateusz Gniazdowski – Deputy Director of the Centre for Eastern Studies	Orange
		Keynote speech	Szymon Szykowski vel Sęk – Government's Plenipotentiary for the Western Balkans Summit – Poznań 2019, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland	Orange
14:15-15:30	Connecting the dots	Enhancing connectivity and regional cooperation in the Western Balkans	<p>Jelica Minić – former Deputy Secretary-General of the RCC, President of the Forum for International Relations</p> <p>Ardian Hackaj – Research Director, Cooperation and Development Institute</p> <p>Silvana Mojsavska – Institute of Economics, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje</p> <p>Nermin Oruč – Director, Centre for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research, Bosna and Hercegovina</p> <p>Nenad Đurđević – Serbian Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> James Ker-Lindsay – London School of Economics, United Kingdom</p>	Orange
15:30-15:45	Coffee break			Orange
15:45-17:00	Growing together	Social and economic development of the WB region; key challenges	<p>Gersi Gashi – Democracy for Development, Kosovo</p> <p>Enkeleida Tahiraj – London School of Economics, United Kingdom</p> <p>Jovana Marović – Politikon Network, Montenegro</p> <p>Maja Bobić – EFB Civil Society Forum of the Western Balkans</p> <p>Kelmend Zajazi – Executive Director, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe (NALAS), North Macedonia</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Piotr Arak – Director, Polish Economic Institute</p>	Orange
17:30-19:00	Challenges ahead	Awaiting new strategic priorities of the EU policy towards the Balkans	<p>Vladimir Međak – Vice-President, European Movement, Serbia</p> <p>Gjergji Vurmo – Programme Director, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Albania</p> <p>Srđan Majstorović – Chairman of the Governing Board, European Policy Centre, Serbia</p> <p>Donika Emini – Researcher, Kosovar Centre for Security Studies, Kosovo</p> <p>Maciej Popowski – Deputy Director-General DG NEAR, European Commission</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Zoran Nechev – senior researcher at the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS)</p>	Orange

19:30-21:00	Dinner			Collegium Maius Adam Mickiewicz University, Fredry 10 st.
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July 4th: Civil Society Forum and Business Forum

Time	Topic	Description	Speakers/panelists	Forum	Room
09:00-10:00	Opening session		<p>Jacek Czaputowicz – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland</p> <p>Johannes Hahn – EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy&Enlargement Negotiations</p> <p>Angel Gurría – Secretary-General, OECD</p> <p>Majlinda Bregu – Secretary-General, RCC</p> <p>Jadwiga Emilewicz – Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Poland</p> <p>Moderator: Marko Cadez – President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia</p>	BF/CSF	Poznań Agora
10:00-12:00	Local initiatives solving local problems	Need for empowering Youth & NGOS - enhancing their involvement in local communities' life so they become the strong voice of citizens	<p>Ekaterina Zacharieva – Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria</p> <p>Jerzy Kwieciński – Minister for Investments and Development, Poland</p> <p>Đuro Blanuša – Secretary General, RYCO</p> <p>Simonida Kačarska, PhD – European Policy Institute</p> <p>Mirela Rajković – South East European Network Organisation</p> <p>Miron Lukač – MOZAIK Foundation</p> <p>Colin Wolfe – Head of Unit, DG NEAR</p> <p>Moderator: Eva Ellereit - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Skopje Office Country Director</p>	CSF	Green
10:00-12:00	Anti-corruption as a first condition for economic growth	Responding to corruption and organised crime to ensure economic growth: What contribution can civil society make	<p>Ugi Zvekić – Senior Advisor at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime</p> <p>Ben Wallace MP – Minister of State for Security, United Kingdom</p> <p>Fatjona Mejdini – Field Coordinator, the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime</p> <p>Krisela Hackaj – Director of the Cooperation & Development Institute, Albania</p> <p>Florian Qehaja – Chair of the Board of the Kosovar Centre for Security Studies (KCSS)</p> <p>Marko Vešović: Journalist at DAN Newspaper</p> <p>Slagjana Taseva – Chair of Transparency International North Macedonia</p> <p>Miodrag Milosavljević – Programm Coordinator Transparency,</p>	CSF	Purple

			Accountability and Public Integrity, Open Society Foundation Serbia Jovan Nicić - Director Prospector DOO Beograd <u>Moderator:</u> Ambassador Dr. Ugljesa		
10:00-12:00	Stepping up the regional transformation efforts to advance the EU integration path	Stocktaking of the progress achieved by the WB economies in advancing the regional cooperation, EU integration and transformation agenda as well as pinpointing further areas of joint work	Miro Cerar – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia TBC Majlinda Bregu – Secretary General of Regional Cooperation Council Genoveva Ruiz Calavera – Director for the Western Balkans DG NEAR, EC Aleksandar Drljević – Chief Negotiator, Montenegro Srdjan Majstorovic – Chairman of the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre Sanjin Arifagić – Expert on Regional Cooperation and EU Enlargement	CSF	White
10:00-12:00	Better environment for better living	Preserving nature while developing the economy - discussion with environmental NGOs, Youth organisations, local governments, EU Common how to deploy growth from pollution	Johannes Hahn – EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations TBC Nikola Dimitrov - Minister of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia Marija Pejčinović Burić , Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia TBC Artur Lorkowski – MFA’s Climate Envoy, Poland’s Presidency to UNFCCC Nataša Kovačević – Green Home Montenegro Srdjan Kukolj – HEAL Davor Percan – Head of Unit, Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation, DG ENV <u>Moderator:</u> Jeta Xharra , Balkan Investigative Reporting Network	CSF	Poznań Agora
10:00-12:00	Disinformation & hybrid threats for democracy	Discussing the extent of hybrid threats to democracy present in the WB, whilst outlining the efforts made by journalists, activists and professionals in the region to keep the effects of such phenomena under control	Maciej Popowski – Deputy Director-General DG NEAR, EC Jovana Radosavljević – New Social Initiative Dorđe Krivokapić – Share Foundation Roden Hoxha, Albanian Centre for Quality Journalism	CSF	Blue
10:00-10:20		Exploring the export potential of the Western Balkan 6 economies, identifying products and sectors that have potential to contribute to higher economic sophistication and faster development	Jacek Czaputowicz – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland Angel Gurría – Secretary General, OECD <u>Moderator:</u> Christian Danielsson – Director General DG NEAR	OECD	Orange
10.20-10.40	Presentation of the OECD publication “Global South East Europe: Unleashing the Transformation		<u>Moderator:</u> Christian Danielsson – Director General DG NEAR Marzena Kisielewska – Head, Division for South East Europe, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD and OECD team		

	Potential for Growth”				
10:40-11:30	Reaping the economic dividends of trade and investments	Minister-level discussion focusing on what actions can be taken to foster strong trade and investment links and accelerate the structural transformation of WB economies.	<p>Anila Denaj – Minister of Finance and Economy, Albania</p> <p>Endrit Shala – Minister for Trade and Industry, Kosovo</p> <p>Kreshnik Bekteshi – Minister of Economy, Northern Macedonia</p> <p>Jadwiga Emilewicz – Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Poland</p> <p>Darko Horvath – Minister of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts, Croatia</p> <p>Lilya Ivanova – Deputy Minister of Economy, Bulgaria</p> <p>Florian Frauscher – Director General of the Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs, Austria</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Christian Danielsson – Director General DG NEAR</p>	OECD	Orange
11:30-12:30	Promoting new approaches to unlock growth potential	WB and EU Ministers of Economy will discuss their respective approaches and experiences in designing and implementing successful reforms to future-proof their economies and societies.	<p>Rasim Ljajić – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, Serbia</p> <p>Mirko Šarović – Minister for Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Radosav Babić – Director General, Ministry of Economy, Montenegro</p> <p>Andrew Mitchell – HM Trade Commissioner for Europe, Department for INTERNATIONAL Trade, United Kingdom</p> <p>Jernej Tovšak – Director General, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Slovenia</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Tadeusz Kościński – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Poland</p>	OECD	Orange
12:20-12:30	Closing		<p>Tadeusz Kościński – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Poland</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Angel Gurría – Secretary-General, OECD</p>		
14:00-16:00	Lunch			BF/CSF	
14:00-16:00	Financing entrepreneurship	How to promote innovations and inclusive economic policy through finance? The role of international institutions and business.	<p>Linda van Gelder – Country Director, World Bank</p> <p>Charlotte Ruhe – Managing Director, Central and South Eastern Europe, EBRD</p> <p>Werner Hoyer – President, European Investment Bank</p> <p>Stephan Sellen – Deputy Director for European Cooperation and Strategy, Council of Europe Development Bank</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Colin Wolfe – Head of Regional Cooperation Unit, DG NEAR</p>	BF	Green

14:00-16:00	At the crossroads of business and activism	Social entrepreneurship and its economic potential coming from the innovative cooperation between business and civic involvement	<p>Corina Murafa – Ashoka Romania</p> <p>Dafina Peci – Secretary General for National Youth Congress of Albania</p> <p>Antoaneta Ivanova – Balkan Green Foundation</p> <p>Laura Mc Grath – DG GROW, EC</p> <p>Barbara Sadowska – Barka</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Leila Bičakčić, Center for Investigative Reporting</p>	BF	Poznań Agora
14:00-16:00	Our region – our cultures	Cultural cooperation shall be always future oriented and always uniting - then it will bring many benefits of different character	<p>Milena Stefanović – European Fund for the Balkans</p> <p>Michal Pavlik – PR Manager, International Visegrad Fund</p> <p>Dafina Beqiri – Program and Project Manager, Western Balkan Fund</p> <p>Bujar Luma – Executive Director at Center for Balkan Cooperation LOJA and theatre director</p> <p>Joanna Pańczak – Generator MALTA</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Idro Seferi – independent journalist</p>	CSF	Purple
14:00-16:00	Overcoming the legacy of the past	Based on regional commitments to reconciliation, the session will identify building blocks for addressing legacies of the past by governments with the involvement of civil society	<p>Semina Alekic – Chair of the Steering Board of the Regional Coordination of Families of the Missing – together with Xhemile Morina, Ms. Smilja Mitrovic, Ljiljana Alvir</p> <p>Adam Balcer - cultural anthropologist, an expert on the Black Sea, the Balkans, Central Europe and Polish foreign policy Tobias Flessenkemper – Head of the Belgrade Office of the Council of Europe</p> <p>David Hudson – Senior Expert in the Centre of Thematic expertise for the Rule of Law and fundamental rights with particular responsibility for Post Conflict issues for Western Balkans, DG NEAR, EC</p> <p>Hrvoje Klasić – professor at the Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb.</p> <p>Ivan Jovanovic – Chief Technical Advisor for UNDP’s Regional Centre for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States</p> <p>Marko Milosavljević - researcher for human rights working in the Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Serbia, YIHR</p> <p>Jelica Minić Ph.D. – President of the Forum for International Relations of the European Movement in Serbia. Dr. Pierre Mirel (Session Rapporteur) – lecturer at Sciences Politiques-Paris</p> <p>Thomas Osorio (Moderator) – Senior Research Fellow at KU Leuven and</p>	CSF	Blue

			<p>consultant for the Facility for Justice in Conflict and Transition with International IDEA</p> <p>Velma Šarić is a researcher, journalist and human rights defender.</p> <p>Tomasz Skonieczny, PhD. – Deputy Head of the European Academy of the Foundation Krzyżowa for Mutual Understanding in Europe.</p>		
16:00-18:00	Chamber Investment Forum WB6-EU business platform	Launch of a platform for direct engagement of Western Balkans business with the EU.	<p>16.00 – 16.15 Introduction: Marko Cadez – president of Managing board WB6 CIF Johannes Hahn – European Commissioner for neighbourhood and enlargement negotiation</p> <p>16.15 – 16.25 Signing ceremony - Letter of intent “EU support to Western Balkan Six Chamber Investment Forum” Johannes Hahn – European Commissioner for neighbourhood and enlargement negotiation Marko Cadez – president of Managing board WB6 CIF)</p> <p>16.25– 16.35 Presentation of the Project - EU support to Western Balkan Six Chamber Investment Forum Marko Cadez – president of Managing board WB6 CIF</p> <p>16.45-17.50 Regional economic integration – what do businesses expect Safet Gerxhaliu – General Secretary, WB6 CIF Majlinda Bregu – Secretary General RCC Emir Djikic – director of CEFTA Secretariat Marko Čadež – President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia Berat Rukiqi – President, Kosovo Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Thomas Hagleitner – Head of Unit, DG NEAR</p>	BF	Orange
16:00-18:00	Powering the energy market in transition	How can the EU and Western Balkans Berlin Process partners manage the undergoing energy transition?	<p>Kreshnik Bekteshi – Minister of Economy, North Macedonia Valdrin Lluka – Minister of Economic Development, Kosovo Janez Kopač – Director, Energy Community Werner Hoyer – President, European Investment Bank Nenad Savic – Nova Commodities Christian Danielsson – Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Aleksandar Kovacevic – Sr. Visiting Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies</p>	BF	Green

16:00-18:00	The next generation: better skills for the workplace of the future	Preparing for the future challenges of work: role of vocational & university education, business mentoring and lifelong learning.	<p>Anila Denaj – Minister of Finance and Economy, Albania</p> <p>Cesare Onestini – European Training Foundation</p> <p>Christoph Tiskens – Director for Southeast Europe and Turkey, KfW Development Bank</p> <p>Eliza Kruczkowska – CIO Polish Development Fund, Head of Start-up Pioneer School</p> <p>Igor Milosevic, Association for Democratic Prosperity – ZID</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Fatos Mustafa – Deputy Secretary-General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)</p>	BF	Poznań Agora
16:00-18:00	Western Balkans Partners Declaration on Roma and EU enlargement: from words to acts	Before adopting declaration on Roma integration - discussion on the scope, agreed commitments & planned implementation process	<p>Nikola Dimitrov – Minister of Foreign Affairs, North Macedonia</p> <p>Michael Roth – Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Majlinda Bregu – Secretary General, RCC</p>	BF	White
16:00-18:00	Going online – preparing public and private sector for digital transformation in the Western Balkans	Discussion on building data economy, development of digital infrastructure, internet access and regional connectivity, security and privacy in digital economy, digital business models and application of new technologies, e-services and digital integration of the WB6 Region.	<p>Dragica Sekulić – Minister of Economy, Montenegro</p> <p>Karol Okoński – Deputy Minister for Digital Affairs, Poland</p> <p>Violeta Jovanovic – Executive Director, National Alliance for Local Economic Development, Serbia</p> <p>Anja Quiring – Regional Director South Eastern Europe German Eastern Business Association</p> <p>Isabel Maria Da-Rosa – Team Leader, Innovative and E-Procurement Unit, DG GROW</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Vasko Kronevski – CEO, NextSense</p>	BF	Purple
16:40-18:00	Supporting mobility – connectivity agenda	Infrastructure as vehicle for integration and sustainable economic growth. How to ensure intramobility in the Western Balkans and connections with the EU?	<p>Rasim Ljajic – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunication (tbc)</p> <p>Violeta Bulc – European Commissioner for Transport</p> <p>Romana Vlahutin – Ambassador at Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service</p> <p>Alain Baron – Director, Transport Community</p> <p>Nenad Zdravković – Deputy Director MILSPED</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Jakub Lachert – Warsaw Institute</p>	BF	Blue
16:00-18:00	Joint voices of the Civil Society: main messages from the Forum	Closing session of the Civil Society Forum	<u>Moderation:</u> Ana Marjanovic Rudan – European Fund For Balkans/Civil Society Forum	CSF	Yellow
18:00-19:30	Stories from the Balkans	Social entrepreneurs are telling their stories	<p>Milica Calija</p> <p>Ana Golejshka</p> <p>Tamara Jovic</p>	CSF/BF	Poznań Agora

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