



DUBROVNIK FORUM

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PROGRAMME

**„ STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE
*THE MEDITERRANEAN, EUROPE AND
THE WESTERN BALKANS* “**

**DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2018**

31 AUGUST 2018, 20:30

***VALA CLUB
HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE BEACH***

DUBROVNIK FORUM: GALA DINNER

HOSTED BY: ANDREJ PLENKOVIĆ, Prime Minister

1 SEPTEMBER 2018, 8:50

***MARE I HALL
HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE***

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DUBROVNIK FORUM: SETTING THE SCENE 9:00

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS: ANDREJ PLENKOVIĆ, Prime Minister

GORDAN JANDROKOVIĆ, Speaker of the Parliament

INTRODUCTION: 9:30 – 10.15

- 1. RAMUSH HARADINAJ, Prime minister**
- 2. EKATERINA ZAHARIEVA, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs**
- 3. RADMILA SHEKERINSKA JANKOVSKA, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense**
- 4. NEVEN MIMICA, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development**
- 5. MICHEL BARNIER, Chief Negotiator - Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU**

COFFEE BREAK: 10:15 – 10:30

PANEL 1: 10:30 – 12:15

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“DEFINING CHALLENGES – CONSIDERING SOLUTIONS”

This panel provides an opportunity for a discussion on challenges generated from the current crises in the Mediterranean: in what ways these crises affect Europe and the Western Balkans in particular. In substance, seven decades of European integration has been a permanent crisis management endeavour. It is critically important that the same means and ways that have been so successful in bringing peace and prosperity to the European continent, continue to be employed in the region of the Western Balkans. Today, Europe is in many ways defended in the Western Balkans. Speeding up resolution to the war legacy opened issues is an obvious prerequisite for further integration of the region to the EU. Obviously, the crisis resilience can be increased by improving the system of governance, strengthening the rule of law, fighting corruption and organized crime, freeing market economy from the grip of politics, as well as through an enhanced infrastructural interconnectivity. The Adriatic - Mediterranean Area is geographically a meeting point and crossroads of the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. Geopolitically, it is an area of multifaceted regional and global challenges as well as opportunities – political, security, social and economic.

MODERATOR:

MARIJA PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs

PANELISTS:

1. **DITMIR BUSHATI, Minister for Europe and Foreign affairs**
2. **IGOR CRNADAK, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
3. **NIKOS KOTZIAS, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
4. **BEHGJET PACOLLI, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
5. **CARMELO ABELA, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion**
6. **MOUNIA BOUCETTA, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**
7. **NASSER KAMEL, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean**
8. **ALAIN RICHARD, Special Representative for the South Eastern Europe**
9. **MATTHEW PALMER, Deputy Assistant Secretary**
10. **DMITRI TRENIN, Carnegie Moscow Centre**

COFFEE BREAK: 12:15 – 12:30

PANEL 2: 12:30 – 14:15

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“STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE THROUGH IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURAL INTERCONNECTIVITY”

Transportation corridors, energy or telecommunication infrastructure – a progressively increased interconnectivity among countries makes their economies more interdependent, but also more integrated and resilient to political conflicts. Unless political and legal integration is matched by infrastructural integration, the divisions in Europe will only deepen in the future, tampering the overall Europe resilience to crisis. If there is an agreement on the need to extend such infrastructural connectivity to the WB area, the key is to secure international bankability of these projects, i.e., there is a need for further regulatory integration in this regard. This would facilitate cross-border investments into infrastructure and other projects. The success requires overcoming the differences of national systems and practice of financing.

Moderator: TOMISLAV ĆORIĆ, Minister of Environment and Energy

PANELISTS:

1. **PÉTER SZIJJÁRTO, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
2. **JACEK KRZYSZTOF CZAPUTOWICZ, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
3. **GORAN SVILANOVIĆ, Secretary General of the RCC**
4. **OLGA ALGAYEROVA, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**
5. **ROMUALDAS PETKEVICIUS, NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence**
6. **PIERRE HEILBRONN, Vice President, EBRD**
7. **PHILIPPE DARDIER, Avolta Partners**
8. **GRZEGORZ MAŁECKI, Casimir Pulaski Foundation**
9. **HUANG PING, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences**

PANEL 3: 12:30 – 14:15

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“STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE BY COUNTERING FAKE NEWS AND MEDIA MANIPULATION “

The effectiveness of any democracy and of any effective decision making depends on accurate information. The abuse of information, especially in the domain of social networks media as means of sowing distorted and fake information, has already shown dire consequences in the political life of our nations. Such threat is serious and already palpable. Internet trolling, the use of bot software in social networks accounts and the manipulation based on private data mining, make our public space vulnerable to uncontrolled foreign and domestic malign influences. The question is how to prevent that malignancy without compromising the freedom of expression and information as well as useful accessibility to data.

MODERATOR: NINA OBULJEN KORŽINEK, Minister of Culture

PANELISTS:

- 1. SRĐAN DARMANOVIĆ, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
- 2. ZANDA KALNINA – LUKAŠEVICA, Parliamentary Secretary**
- 3. GEORGE CIAMBA, Envoy of the Prime Minister, State Secretary**
- 4. EITVYDAS BAJARŪNAS, Special Ambassador for hybrid threats**
- 5. DUBRAVKA ŠUICA, Vice Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee and Head of Croatian EPP/HDZ Delegation in European Parliament**
- 6. JAMES JAY CARAFANO, The Heritage Foundation**
- 7. MEHMET UĞUR EKINCI, Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research**
- 8. JOSE-MANUEL LAMARQUE, Radio France**
- 9. KATARZYNA PISARSKA, European Academy of Diplomacy**
- 10. GILES PORTMAN, Head of the East Stratcom Task Force EEAS**

DUBROVNIK FORUM: VIP LUNCH 14:30

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