

# Program

## Building Bridges towards a common future: The Western Balkans on the path towards the European Union

29 October 2020

Skopje/Ragusa Rooftop

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### Thursday, 29 October

10.00 – 10.25

#### Welcoming addresses

##### **Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes**

Official representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung  
(live video address)

##### **Tomi Huhtanen**

Executive Director of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies  
(live video address)

##### **Vasko Naumovski**

President of the Institute for Social Research – MK91

10.25 – 10.35

#### Opening remarks

##### **Antonio López-Istúriz White**

Member of the European Parliament (Partido Popular) /  
Secretary General of the European People's Party (live video address)

10.40 – 11.55

#### Panel discussion:

#### **EU Membership vis-a-vis domestic political reforms**

##### **Karlo Ressler**

Member of the European Parliament (HDZ) (live video address)

##### **Milan Zver**

Member of the European Parliament (Slovenian Democratic Party) (live video address) / (tbc)

##### **Genc Pollo**

Former Minister for Innovation and Information Communication  
Technology of Albania (live video address)



**Emil Dimitriev**

Former Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia

**Timco Mucunski**

Member of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia (VMRO-DPMNE)

**Afrim Gashi**

Member of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia  
(Alternative) (live video address)

**Ilija Dimovski**

Former Member of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia  
(VMRO-DPMNE)

**Moderator:**

**Vasko Naumovski**

President of the Institute for Social Research – MK91/ Professor at the Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus” – Skopje

11.55 – 12.45

**Break**

12.45 – 14.00

**Panel discussion:**

**Securing an economic future for the Western Balkans in light of the region's EU perspective**

**Nikolaos Tzifakis**

Associate Professor of International Relations at the University of the Peloponnese / Research Associate with the Martens Centre for European Studies (live video address)

**Berat Rukiqi**

Chairman of the Kosovo Chamber of Commerce  
(live video address)

**Gordana Djurovic**

Former Minister for EU integration of Montenegro / Professor at the University of Montenegro (live video address)

**Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski**

Chief Executive Officer of the MK2025 Foundation

**Kiril Minoski**

Former Minister of Finance of the Republic of North Macedonia

**Aleksandar Klimovski**

Professor at the Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus” – Skopje

**Moderator:**

**Aleksandar Spasenovski**

Institute for Social Research – MK91 /



Professor at the Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus” – Skopje

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**Break**

14.00 – 14.15

**Panel discussion:**

**The global COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges related to healthcare, education and social issues**

14.15 – 15.30

**Vesna Markovic**

Member of the Serbian Parliament (SNS) / Co-chairwoman of the Parliamentary Committee for the Foreign Affairs (live video address)

**Tatyana Dronzina**

Professor at the Department of Political Science  
Ss. Clement Ohridski University – Sofia (live video address)

**Srdjan Verbic**

Former Minister of Education of Serbia  
(live video address)

**Vesna Horvatovic**

Former Director of the Bureau for development of education  
Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia  
(live video address)

**Arben Taravari**

Former Minister of Health / Mayor of the Municipality of Gostivar

**Sinisha Stojanovski**

Member of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia  
(VMRO-DPMNE)

**Igor Nikolov**

Doctor of Medicine / Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine –  
Skopje

**Moderator:**

**Stefan Vasilevski**

Executive Director of the Conservative.mk

**Conclusions**

**Davor Pasoski**

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

15.30 – 16.00

**Aleksandar Spasenovski**

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Ragusa Rooftop  
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<https://www.ragusa360.com>

**Working languages:**

Macedonian and English / With simultaneous translation

**Notification:**

The event will be organized as hybrid conference via ZOOM with combined physical presence only of the speakers from North Macedonia.

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