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# PEACE & PROSPERITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

## PROGRAMME

14-15 December, DoubleTree by Hilton Skopje

 Norway





THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER

09:00 - 09:30

Registration

09:00 - 09:30

**PRESS STATEMENTS**

09:30 - 09:45

Opening remarks

- Marija Risteska, Executive Directress, Center for Research and Policy Making - CRPM
- H.E. Kristin Melsom, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia
- Slavjanka Petrovska, Minister of Defence of the Republic of North Macedonia

09:45 - 10:15

**Signing Ceremony - Regional grants**

10:15 - 11:45

**PANEL DISCUSSION 1: PEACE, STABILITY, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE AS A PRECONDITION FOR ECONOMIC (AND OTHER) PROSPERITY**

- Marjan Petreski, University American College Skopje
- Gentiana Gola, Democracy Assessment Adviser at International IDEA
- Ana Ilić, National Alliance for Local Economic Development NALED

*Moderator: Fatjona Mejdini, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime*

11:45 - 12:30

Break into groups to discuss

- Threats to peace, stability and good governance  
Moderator: Metodi Zajkov, Transparency International Macedonia
- Role of media peace, stability, and good governance  
Moderator: Boris Raonić, RTCG
- What are governments doing to secure peace, stability, and good governance  
Moderator: Jelena Pejić, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy

12:30 - 13:15

*Plenary: Civil society solutions for peace, stability, and good governance to foster prosperity in the Western Balkans*

13:15 - 14:15

**Lunch**

14:15 - 14:45

**Signing Ceremony - Core grants**

- Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro

14:45 - 16:00

**PANEL DISCUSSION 2: POLITICAL EXTREMISM, ETHNO-NATIONALISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME AS THREATS TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY**

- Edina Bećirević, Atlantic Initiative, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Goran Janev, ISPPi - UKIM and LAMC - ULB
- Shenasi Iseni, Regional Cooperation Council

*Moderator: Gjergji Vurmo, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Albania*

16:00 - 16:30

Break into groups to discuss

- Organized crime  
Moderator: Aleksandar Stojanovski, Eurothink
- Political extremism  
Moderator: Dalibor Stupar, Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina
- Ethno-nationalism  
Moderator: Elvira Hadzibegović, Forum MNE

16:30 - 17:00

*Plenary: civil society solutions for political extremism, ethno-nationalism and organized crime as threats to peace and prosperity*



FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER

09:30 - 09:45

**Signing Ceremony - Core grants**

- Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:45 - 11:00

**PANEL DISCUSSION 3: ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

- Andrijana Čović, FemPlatz, Serbia
- Dragan Božanić, UNDP SEESAC
- Damir Zeković, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

*Moderator: Aleksandar Cekov, Center for Research and Policy Making, N. Macedonia*

11:30 - 12:45

**Break into groups to discuss**

- Role of CSOs in the provision of specialized services for women after alignment with IC  
Moderator: Adena Vangjeli, Center for Gender Justice
- Violence in public spaces and misuse of small arms against women, children and youth  
Moderator: Marija Andjelković, ASTRA - Anti-Trafficking Action
- Prevention from gender-based violence through work with youth  
Moderator: Ljupka Trajanovska, CRPM

12:45 - 13:15

**Plenary - Civil society solutions for the elimination of violence against women and girls**

13:15 - 13:45

**Signing Ceremony - Core grants**

- Kosovo and Albania

13:45 - 14:00

**Closing remarks**

14:00 - 15:00

**Lunch**

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