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ü Programme

PROGRAMME

08.30 – 09.00 Welcome coffee & registration of participants

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by **Peter R. Weilemann**, Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, European Office

Session I 09.15 - 11.00	IS THE WESTERN BALKANS REGION NOW READY TO STAND ON ITS OWN TWO FEET?
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The decisive move transforming the international community's Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe into the Balkan-run Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) marked a key moment. Based in Sarajevo and headed by a senior Croatian official, the RCC looks set to give a major boost to political and economic cooperation between the governments of the Western Balkans. But nation-building in the region seems incomplete. Bosnia and Herzegovina remains torn between competing visions of confederation or a centralised state. So is the goal of full sovereignty a realistic one in the foreseeable future? And with the issue of Kosovo's independence still hanging over the region, how optimistic are its political leaders that a new era of regional development is dawning?

Keynote address by **Stjepan Mesić**, President of Croatia

Carla del Ponte	Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
Božidar Đelić	Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia
Mladen Ivanić	Co-chair of the House of Peoples and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jean-Pierre Jouyet	French Secretary of State for European Affairs
Michael Leigh	European Commission Director General for Enlargement
Doris Pack MEP	Chairwoman of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the countries of south-east Europe

Co-moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*, and **Nikolaos Tzifakis**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, University of Crete, and Senior Fellow of the Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

Session II 11.30 - 13.00	HOW ENCOURAGING ARE THE BALKAN REGION'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS?
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Recent years have seen a heartening new buoyancy in trade flows between the EU and countries of the Western Balkans. But confidence in the region's sustained economic revival does not yet appear to be shared by international investors. Trade with Romania and Bulgaria accounts for much of the surge in EU-Balkan trade, and on the investment front, only Croatia has been attracting satisfactory inflows of capital. Will the embryonic Central European Free Trade Agreement improve the economies in the Balkans, and what economic boost for their Balkan neighbours is likely to result from Romanian and Bulgarian membership of the EU? Are new economic policy initiatives needed in the region, or is the best approach to simply wait for present policies to pay off?

Boris Divjak	Chair, Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina and South-East Europe Consultant, Foreign Investment Advisory Service (FIAS)
Gordana Đurović	Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Montenegro
Harald Hirschhofer	Resident Representative to Serbia, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Jelko Kacin MEP	Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur on relations between the European Union and Serbia
Viktor Mizo	Director of Invest Macedonia
Vebi Velija	Founder and President, VEVE Group

Moderated by **Dusan Gajic**, Chief Editor South East Europe TV Exchanges

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

Session III 14.30 - 16.00	KOSOVO: IS THE THREAD OF THIS DAMOCLEAN SWORD CLOSE TO BREAKING?
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Although the past 17 years have been marked by nationalism in the Western Balkans, to what degree are regional cooperation and the EU integration process beginning to trigger a new sense of cooperation? Serbia is doing much to promote the region's economic re-birth and to achieve a closer EU relationship, but its efforts have been hampered by two important questions: How can the new Serbian coalition government reassure Brussels that alleged war criminals will all be brought to justice, and what will be the reactions of Serbia, Kosovo and the EU itself to the possible outcome of the Kosovo status negotiations? Is there a serious possibility of Balkans politics slipping back down a path towards open conflict?

Mark Almond	Lecturer in Modern History, University of Oxford
Agim Çeku	Prime Minister of Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244)
Vladimir Chizhov	Ambassador, Mission of the Russian Federation to the EU
Edith Harxhi	Albania's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Joost Lagendijk MEP	Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur on the future of Kosovo and the role of the EU
Stefan Lehne	Director for Western Balkans, Council of the European Union and former EU Special Representative on the Kosovo future status process
Robert Manchin	Chairman and Managing Director, Gallup Europe

Moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*

16.00 *End of Summit*

ü Speakers' and Moderators' Biographies

MARK ALMOND



Mark Almond is Lecturer in Modern History at Oriel College, University of Oxford.

Among his books is *Europe's Backyard War: The War in the Balkans*. He has written extensively on current developments in the Balkans in the media as well as commenting for broadcasters such as the BBC, Radio Free Europe and many others.

He has observed elections and other human rights issues in the ex-Yugoslav states as well as in Albania, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria for the British Helsinki Human Rights Group.

AGIM ÇEKU



Agim Çeku is Prime Minister of Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244). He was nominated to this post by the Kosovo Parliamentary Assembly in March 2006.

He began his military service with the Yugoslav Army as platoon commander in 1984 and continued to serve until 1991 when that army disintegrated in the wake of the break-up of Yugoslavia. Agim Çeku joined the newly formed Croatian Army as Captain and artillery commander in 1991. By 1995 he had reached the rank of Brigadier General.

In March 1999 Agim Çeku joined the newly formed Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) as its Chief of General Staff. He oversaw the unification of the KLA command and the co-ordination of its activities with NATO. Ending the war with the rank of Lieutenant-General, and receiving numerous awards from Kosovo and internationally, Agim Çeku was instrumental in the negotiations surrounding the de-mobilization and transformation of the KLA into the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC). As its Commander for six years, he oversaw the transformation of the KPC into a force based on western principles and methods and continuing to develop in close co-operation with the international community. On Agim Çeku's departure from the Corps to take up the Premiership, the President decorated him with a further medal for his military service to Kosovo.

Agim Çeku is a graduate of both the Military High School in Belgrade and the Military Academy in Zadar, where he graduated with highest honours.

VLADIMIR CHIZHOV



Vladimir Chizhov is Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union.

He has conducted analytical research work on European security, the OSCE, Russia-EU and Russia-NATO relations, the Mediterranean, and the Balkans, among other issues. He has participated in various international conferences, Contact Group and other meetings.

Chizhov joined the diplomatic service in 1976, and held posts in both Athens and Nicosia. In 1992 he was appointed Counsellor of the 2nd European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Moscow. Later the same year, he became Head of the UK/Ireland Division of the same department, before becoming Deputy Director in 1993.

In 1995 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Russian Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna, and the following year he took up the post of Deputy High Representative for Bosnia Peace Implementation, Sarajevo. From 1997 to 2000, he was Russian Special Representative for Cyprus, before later becoming Special Representative for the Balkans. In 1999 he became Director of the European Multilateral Cooperation Department of the MFA. He was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2002, and assumed his current role in 2005.

Vladimir Chizhov graduated with honours from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 1976.

CARLA DEL PONTE



Carla del Ponte is Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

She has held this post since her appointment by the UN Security Council in 1999. From 1999 to 2003, she was also Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Carla Del Ponte began practising law in 1975, setting up her own law and notary's office in Lugano, Switzerland. In 1981, she was appointed investigating magistrate and later became public prosecutor, working with the office of the Lugano district attorney. Responsible for investigating financial and white-collar crime, international drug trafficking and organized crime, she gained a thorough knowledge of international legal assistance in criminal matters. In 1994, she was appointed Attorney-General of Switzerland. She was also a member of the Federal Commission on White-Collar Crime.

In January 2007, Carla Del Ponte announced her intention to resign as Chief Prosecutor at the ICTY at the end of the year. She has been nominated as Switzerland's Ambassador to Argentina from January 2008.

Carla Del Ponte studied English in the UK, as well as law in Bern and Geneva, obtaining her LL.M. degree in 1972.

BORIS DIVJAK



Boris Divjak has been Chair of Transparency International (TI) Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2000, and is a member of the Global Board of Directors at Transparency International.

An economist by training, he is a leading expert in enabling business in Southeast Europe, with a 12-year professional experience and more than 30 international references and publications. He has been advising governments in: public policy and institution-building, regulatory governance, investment-friendly local economic and regional development, foreign direct investment policies, and public-private sector dialogue mechanisms. Most of this work was conducted through Foreign Investment Advisory Service of the World Bank, although Divjak also worked for the OECD, EU, USAID and UNDP.

Boris Divjak is also the founder of Transparency International (TI) Bosnia and Herzegovina. TI BiH is the most visible and most trusted NGO in the country and one of the leading chapters in the global anti-corruption movement. In this capacity, Boris Divjak has been involved in: corruption analysis, design and implementation of anti-corruption strategies and tools, and training of public officials. In 2005 he was elected to the global Board of Directors, representing the region of Europe and Central Asia. In 2007 he was appointed the Chair of the Membership Accreditation Committee.

Boris Divjak graduated in International Management and Business Administration from the University of Reading, UK, and the Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria. He holds a Masters degree in International Studies, also from Reading University.

BOŽIDAR ĐELIĆ



Božidar Đelić is Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia.

He is responsible for European integration, sustainable development, poverty reduction strategy implementation, and cooperation with international financial institutions. He is also Governor for Serbia at the World Bank and chairman of the governmental committee for restructuring and privatization of public enterprises. Recognizing his achievements in business and politics, the World Economic Forum (Davos) has nominated him as Young Global Leader for the period 2005-2010.

From 1991 to 1993, Đelić was a privatization and banking sector advisor to the Russian, Romanian and Polish governments. He was appointed partner with the strategic management consultancy McKinsey & Company, where he specialized in financial institutions and media from 1993 to 2000.

He held of the post of Minister of Finance and Economy in the Government of the Republic of Serbia from 2001 to 2004. During his time in office, Serbia was recognized by the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) as the leading reformist country. Božidar Đelić was also Serbia-Montenegrin Governor at the EBRD and Vice-Governor at the World Bank, before being appointed Director for Central Europe at Crédit Agricole SA Group in 2005. He was voted into the Serbian Parliament in the parliamentary elections of May 2007.

Božidar Đelić graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris in 1987. He received an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from Harvard Business School, USA in 1991.

GORDANA ĐUROVIĆ



Gordana Đurović is Montenegro's Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration.

She is a professor at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, where she teaches economic development and international economic relations. She is also head of postgraduate studies in the field of European economic integration.

From 2004 to 2006, Gordana Đurović was Minister for International Economic Relations of the Government of Montenegro. In 2005 she was appointed head of the negotiating team for the stabilization and association process, which was completed with signing of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) in 2007.

She is the co-author of the textbook "Economic Development" (1996) and of reports entitled "Montenegro: From foreign-trade re-integration towards European integration" (2006) and "Alternative Developmental Concepts of the Economy of Montenegro" (2002). She has also written more than 50 articles for international and national professional journals, as well as a number of papers relating to economic development, comparative economic analysis, and European integration.

Gordana Đurović graduated with a Master's degree from the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica in 1991, and in 1994, at the same faculty, she obtained her PhD in the field of economic development planning in transition.

DUSAN GAJIC



Dusan Gajic is Chief Editor of South East Europe TV Exchanges (SEETV), a Brussels-based TV agency. He is also European Affairs correspondent for Mreza Production Group, of which he is the co-founder.

Gajic founded SEETV in 2003 together with fellow journalists. SEETV provides news coverage of EU events and policies to Balkan broadcasters. SEETV is also involved in documentary production, mainly on topics of regional interest in the Balkans. SEETV's latest productions include an award-winning documentary entitled "Greetings from Kosovo", as well as a documentary on decentralisation in Kosovo.

From 1992 to 1993, he worked at the radio and TV broadcaster "Studio B" Belgrade, where his responsibilities included daily news broadcasts and the production of TV features. In 1994, he joined VIN TV Production, where he worked on the conception, design and production of various TV magazines on social issues in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

In 1997, Mr Gajic co-founded the Mreza Production Group, and until 2001 he was involved in the management and production of a bi-weekly TV news magazine on political, social and economic issues in Serbia and Montenegro. Between 2001 and 2002, he was editor-in-chief of EUROLINK, a weekly TV magazine focusing on European integration, produced by Mreza Production Group and broadcast on RTS, Studio B and TV B92.

Dusan Gajic graduated from Belgrade University in 1997 with a degree in Literature.

EDITH HARXHI



Edith Harxhi has been Albania's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs since December 2005.

In 1997 she served as Political Counsellor at the Albanian Embassy in Ankara, before taking up a post as Research Assistant at Bilkent University, dealing with foreign policy and security in the Balkans. In 2000 she worked briefly at the Department of Justice, International Judicial Support Unit, United Nations Mission in Kosovo.

In April 2001, Edith Harxhi was appointed political adviser to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG), at Pillar II Civil Administration, UNMIK. In this capacity she covered the issues of police and justice, minorities and social welfare. Her responsibilities also included relations with the Provisional Institutions on Self-Governance, the pension scheme for Kosovo, and labour regulation in Kosovo. She represented the DSRSG in the Task Force for Minorities in Kosovo, and aided him in successfully accomplishing one of the most important goals of the UN mission in Kosovo.

In 2002, Edith Harxhi was assigned to supervise the Office of Gender Affairs on behalf of the DSRSG. She also drafted the Gender Equality Law on behalf of UNMIK.

Between September 2003 and September 2005 she lectured on foreign policy and diplomacy at the Department of Political Science and Public Administrations at Pristina University.

In September 2004, Edith Harxhi served as security policy adviser to the Kosovo Prime Ministers and established the Office for Public Safety. She also prepared the strategy for the transfer of competencies in the security sector on behalf of the Kosovo Government.

Edith Harxhi graduated in 1996 with an MA (Hons) in Political Sciences and International Relations from the University of Edinburgh, UK. She is currently working on the completion of her Ph.D. thesis, entitled "The Ethnic Conflicts and the Albanian Disorder in the Balkans".

HARALD HIRSCHHOFER



Harald Hirschhofer is the Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Serbia, a position he has held since 2004. He has also been Senior Economist at the IMF since 1994.

Previously, at the IMF he served as Senior Economist for Colombia, dealing with monetary and financial sector policies and debt sustainability issues, and Desk Economist for Ecuador, with responsibility for fiscal sector and public enterprises. Within the Fiscal Affairs Department, Tax Policy Division, he has been Country Economist for Armenia and Tanzania, responsible for technical assistance missions.

From 1989 to 1990, Hirschhofer worked as an analyst for the Chase Manhattan Investment Bank, London. Between 1991 and 1992 he was International Institutions Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, USA. In 1992 he became Assistant to the President of the Oesterreichische Kontrollbank, where his responsibilities included reviewing the regulatory framework for Austrian capital markets and drafting a proposal for a new Austrian Stock Exchange Law.

From 1992 to 1993, he was Congressional Fellow of the Subcommittee on Telecommunication and Finance, Committee of Commerce and Energy, at the US House of Representatives.

Harald Hirschhofer graduated from the University of Vienna in 1989 with Master's degrees in Business Administration and in Philosophy and Political Sciences. He also holds a doctorate in Economics, also from the University of Vienna.

MLADEN IVANIĆ



Mladen Ivanić is the Co-chair of the House of Peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where previously he covered the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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In the early 1990s he entered the HDZ/Croatian Democratic Union. He has been Secretary of the HDZ since 1990 and later became Chairman of its Executive Committee. After the first multi-party free elections he was appointed the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, serving from May 1990 to August 1990. Pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, he became Croatia's member in the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, holding the post of the President of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia until December 1991.

The independent Croatian state elected him Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia in 1992. He remained in office until 1994 when he was removed after leaving the HDZ and founding a new political party – the Independent Croatian Democrats (HND) – due to his dissatisfaction with the overall HDZ policy and particularly the policy towards Bosnia & Herzegovina. In 1997 after a split in the HND party, with a majority of the HND members he joined the Croatian People's Party (HNS), holding the posts of Party Executive Vice-President and Chairman of the HNS municipal organisation in Zagreb.

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ü Programme

PROGRAMME

08.30 – 09.00 Welcome coffee & registration of participants

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by **Peter R. Weilemann**, Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, European Office

Session I 09.15 - 11.00	IS THE WESTERN BALKANS REGION NOW READY TO STAND ON ITS OWN TWO FEET?
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The decisive move transforming the international community's Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe into the Balkan-run Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) marked a key moment. Based in Sarajevo and headed by a senior Croatian official, the RCC looks set to give a major boost to political and economic cooperation between the governments of the Western Balkans. But nation-building in the region seems incomplete. Bosnia and Herzegovina remains torn between competing visions of confederation or a centralised state. So is the goal of full sovereignty a realistic one in the foreseeable future? And with the issue of Kosovo's independence still hanging over the region, how optimistic are its political leaders that a new era of regional development is dawning?

Keynote address by **Stjepan Mesić**, President of Croatia

Carla del Ponte	Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
Božidar Đelić	Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia
Mladen Ivanić	Co-chair of the House of Peoples and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jean-Pierre Jouyet	French Secretary of State for European Affairs
Michael Leigh	European Commission Director General for Enlargement
Doris Pack MEP	Chairwoman of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the countries of south-east Europe

Co-moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*, and **Nikolaos Tzifakis**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, University of Crete, and Senior Fellow of the Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

Session II 11.30 - 13.00	HOW ENCOURAGING ARE THE BALKAN REGION'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS?
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Recent years have seen a heartening new buoyancy in trade flows between the EU and countries of the Western Balkans. But confidence in the region's sustained economic revival does not yet appear to be shared by international investors. Trade with Romania and Bulgaria accounts for much of the surge in EU-Balkan trade, and on the investment front, only Croatia has been attracting satisfactory inflows of capital. Will the embryonic Central European Free Trade Agreement improve the economies in the Balkans, and what economic boost for their Balkan neighbours is likely to result from Romanian and Bulgarian membership of the EU? Are new economic policy initiatives needed in the region, or is the best approach to simply wait for present policies to pay off?

Boris Divjak	Chair, Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina and South-East Europe Consultant, Foreign Investment Advisory Service (FIAS)
Gordana Đurović	Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Montenegro
Harald Hirschhofer	Resident Representative to Serbia, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Jelko Kacin MEP	Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur on relations between the European Union and Serbia
Viktor Mizo	Director of Invest Macedonia
Vebi Velija	Founder and President, VEVE Group

Moderated by **Dusan Gajic**, Chief Editor South East Europe TV Exchanges

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

Session III 14.30 - 16.00	KOSOVO: IS THE THREAD OF THIS DAMOCLEAN SWORD CLOSE TO BREAKING?
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Although the past 17 years have been marked by nationalism in the Western Balkans, to what degree are regional cooperation and the EU integration process beginning to trigger a new sense of cooperation? Serbia is doing much to promote the region's economic re-birth and to achieve a closer EU relationship, but its efforts have been hampered by two important questions: How can the new Serbian coalition government reassure Brussels that alleged war criminals will all be brought to justice, and what will be the reactions of Serbia, Kosovo and the EU itself to the possible outcome of the Kosovo status negotiations? Is there a serious possibility of Balkans politics slipping back down a path towards open conflict?

Mark Almond	Lecturer in Modern History, University of Oxford
Agim Çeku	Prime Minister of Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244)
Vladimir Chizhov	Ambassador, Mission of the Russian Federation to the EU
Edith Harxhi	Albania's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Joost Lagendijk MEP	Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur on the future of Kosovo and the role of the EU
Stefan Lehne	Director for Western Balkans, Council of the European Union and former EU Special Representative on the Kosovo future status process
Robert Manchin	Chairman and Managing Director, Gallup Europe

Moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*

16.00 *End of Summit*

ü Speakers' and Moderators' Biographies

MARK ALMOND



Mark Almond is Lecturer in Modern History at Oriel College, University of Oxford.

Among his books is *Europe's Backyard War: The War in the Balkans*. He has written extensively on current developments in the Balkans in the media as well as commenting for broadcasters such as the BBC, Radio Free Europe and many others.

He has observed elections and other human rights issues in the ex-Yugoslav states as well as in Albania, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria for the British Helsinki Human Rights Group.

AGIM ÇEKU



Agim Çeku is Prime Minister of Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244). He was nominated to this post by the Kosovo Parliamentary Assembly in March 2006.

He began his military service with the Yugoslav Army as platoon commander in 1984 and continued to serve until 1991 when that army disintegrated in the wake of the break-up of Yugoslavia. Agim Çeku joined the newly formed Croatian Army as Captain and artillery commander in 1991. By 1995 he had reached the rank of Brigadier General.

In March 1999 Agim Çeku joined the newly formed Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) as its Chief of General Staff. He oversaw the unification of the KLA command and the co-ordination of its activities with NATO. Ending the war with the rank of Lieutenant-General, and receiving numerous awards from Kosovo and internationally, Agim Çeku was instrumental in the negotiations surrounding the de-mobilization and transformation of the KLA into the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC). As its Commander for six years, he oversaw the transformation of the KPC into a force based on western principles and methods and continuing to develop in close co-operation with the international community. On Agim Çeku's departure from the Corps to take up the Premiership, the President decorated him with a further medal for his military service to Kosovo.

Agim Çeku is a graduate of both the Military High School in Belgrade and the Military Academy in Zadar, where he graduated with highest honours.

VLADIMIR CHIZHOV



Vladimir Chizhov is Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union.

He has conducted analytical research work on European security, the OSCE, Russia-EU and Russia-NATO relations, the Mediterranean, and the Balkans, among other issues. He has participated in various international conferences, Contact Group and other meetings.

Chizhov joined the diplomatic service in 1976, and held posts in both Athens and Nicosia. In 1992 he was appointed Counsellor of the 2nd European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Moscow. Later the same year, he became Head of the UK/Ireland Division of the same department, before becoming Deputy Director in 1993.

In 1995 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Russian Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna, and the following year he took up the post of Deputy High Representative for Bosnia Peace Implementation, Sarajevo. From 1997 to 2000, he was Russian Special Representative for Cyprus, before later becoming Special Representative for the Balkans. In 1999 he became Director of the European Multilateral Cooperation Department of the MFA. He was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2002, and assumed his current role in 2005.

Vladimir Chizhov graduated with honours from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 1976.

CARLA DEL PONTE



Carla del Ponte is Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

She has held this post since her appointment by the UN Security Council in 1999. From 1999 to 2003, she was also Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Carla Del Ponte began practising law in 1975, setting up her own law and notary's office in Lugano, Switzerland. In 1981, she was appointed investigating magistrate and later became public prosecutor, working with the office of the Lugano district attorney. Responsible for investigating financial and white-collar crime, international drug trafficking and organized crime, she gained a thorough knowledge of international legal assistance in criminal matters. In 1994, she was appointed Attorney-General of Switzerland. She was also a member of the Federal Commission on White-Collar Crime.

In January 2007, Carla Del Ponte announced her intention to resign as Chief Prosecutor at the ICTY at the end of the year. She has been nominated as Switzerland's Ambassador to Argentina from January 2008.

Carla Del Ponte studied English in the UK, as well as law in Bern and Geneva, obtaining her LL.M. degree in 1972.

BORIS DIVJAK



Boris Divjak has been Chair of Transparency International (TI) Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2000, and is a member of the Global Board of Directors at Transparency International.

An economist by training, he is a leading expert in enabling business in Southeast Europe, with a 12-year professional experience and more than 30 international references and publications. He has been advising governments in: public policy and institution-building, regulatory governance, investment-friendly local economic and regional development, foreign direct investment policies, and public-private sector dialogue mechanisms. Most of this work was conducted through Foreign Investment Advisory Service of the World Bank, although Divjak also worked for the OECD, EU, USAID and UNDP.

Boris Divjak is also the founder of Transparency International (TI) Bosnia and Herzegovina. TI BiH is the most visible and most trusted NGO in the country and one of the leading chapters in the global anti-corruption movement. In this capacity, Boris Divjak has been involved in: corruption analysis, design and implementation of anti-corruption strategies and tools, and training of public officials. In 2005 he was elected to the global Board of Directors, representing the region of Europe and Central Asia. In 2007 he was appointed the Chair of the Membership Accreditation Committee.

Boris Divjak graduated in International Management and Business Administration from the University of Reading, UK, and the Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria. He holds a Masters degree in International Studies, also from Reading University.

BOŽIDAR ĐELIĆ



Božidar Đelić is Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia.

He is responsible for European integration, sustainable development, poverty reduction strategy implementation, and cooperation with international financial institutions. He is also Governor for Serbia at the World Bank and chairman of the governmental committee for restructuring and privatization of public enterprises. Recognizing his achievements in business and politics, the World Economic Forum (Davos) has nominated him as Young Global Leader for the period 2005-2010.

From 1991 to 1993, Đelić was a privatization and banking sector advisor to the Russian, Romanian and Polish governments. He was appointed partner with the strategic management consultancy McKinsey & Company, where he specialized in financial institutions and media from 1993 to 2000.

He held of the post of Minister of Finance and Economy in the Government of the Republic of Serbia from 2001 to 2004. During his time in office, Serbia was recognized by the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) as the leading reformist country. Božidar Đelić was also Serbia-Montenegrin Governor at the EBRD and Vice-Governor at the World Bank, before being appointed Director for Central Europe at Crédit Agricole SA Group in 2005. He was voted into the Serbian Parliament in the parliamentary elections of May 2007.

Božidar Đelić graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris in 1987. He received an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from Harvard Business School, USA in 1991.

GORDANA ĐUROVIĆ



Gordana Đurović is Montenegro's Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration.

She is a professor at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, where she teaches economic development and international economic relations. She is also head of postgraduate studies in the field of European economic integration.

From 2004 to 2006, Gordana Đurović was Minister for International Economic Relations of the Government of Montenegro. In 2005 she was appointed head of the negotiating team for the stabilization and association process, which was completed with signing of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) in 2007.

She is the co-author of the textbook "Economic Development" (1996) and of reports entitled "Montenegro: From foreign-trade re-integration towards European integration" (2006) and "Alternative Developmental Concepts of the Economy of Montenegro" (2002). She has also written more than 50 articles for international and national professional journals, as well as a number of papers relating to economic development, comparative economic analysis, and European integration.

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During 1996-2000 he was Chairman of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee and also an active member of several National Assembly committees. During his tenure he strove to re-establish diplomatic relations with the Former Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) and to support the Republic of Montenegro in the period before the democratisation of FRY.

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In the early 1990s he entered the HDZ/Croatian Democratic Union. He has been Secretary of the HDZ since 1990 and later became Chairman of its Executive Committee. After the first multi-party free elections he was appointed the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, serving from May 1990 to August 1990. Pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, he became Croatia's member in the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, holding the post of the President of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia until December 1991.

The independent Croatian state elected him Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia in 1992. He remained in office until 1994 when he was removed after leaving the HDZ and founding a new political party – the Independent Croatian Democrats (HND) – due to his dissatisfaction with the overall HDZ policy and particularly the policy towards Bosnia & Herzegovina. In 1997 after a split in the HND party, with a majority of the HND members he joined the Croatian People's Party (HNS), holding the posts of Party Executive Vice-President and Chairman of the HNS municipal organisation in Zagreb.

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ü Programme

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08.30 – 09.00 Welcome coffee & registration of participants

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by **Peter R. Weilemann**, Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, European Office

Session I 09.15 - 11.00	IS THE WESTERN BALKANS REGION NOW READY TO STAND ON ITS OWN TWO FEET?
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The decisive move transforming the international community's Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe into the Balkan-run Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) marked a key moment. Based in Sarajevo and headed by a senior Croatian official, the RCC looks set to give a major boost to political and economic cooperation between the governments of the Western Balkans. But nation-building in the region seems incomplete. Bosnia and Herzegovina remains torn between competing visions of confederation or a centralised state. So is the goal of full sovereignty a realistic one in the foreseeable future? And with the issue of Kosovo's independence still hanging over the region, how optimistic are its political leaders that a new era of regional development is dawning?

Keynote address by **Stjepan Mesić**, President of Croatia

Carla del Ponte	Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
Božidar Đelić	Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia
Mladen Ivanić	Co-chair of the House of Peoples and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jean-Pierre Jouyet	French Secretary of State for European Affairs
Michael Leigh	European Commission Director General for Enlargement
Doris Pack MEP	Chairwoman of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the countries of south-east Europe

Co-moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*, and **Nikolaos Tzifakis**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, University of Crete, and Senior Fellow of the Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

Session II 11.30 - 13.00	HOW ENCOURAGING ARE THE BALKAN REGION'S ECONOMIC INDICATORS?
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Recent years have seen a heartening new buoyancy in trade flows between the EU and countries of the Western Balkans. But confidence in the region's sustained economic revival does not yet appear to be shared by international investors. Trade with Romania and Bulgaria accounts for much of the surge in EU-Balkan trade, and on the investment front, only Croatia has been attracting satisfactory inflows of capital. Will the embryonic Central European Free Trade Agreement improve the economies in the Balkans, and what economic boost for their Balkan neighbours is likely to result from Romanian and Bulgarian membership of the EU? Are new economic policy initiatives needed in the region, or is the best approach to simply wait for present policies to pay off?

Boris Divjak	Chair, Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina and South-East Europe Consultant, Foreign Investment Advisory Service (FIAS)
Gordana Đurović	Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Montenegro
Harald Hirschhofer	Resident Representative to Serbia, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Jelko Kacin MEP	Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur on relations between the European Union and Serbia
Viktor Mizo	Director of Invest Macedonia
Vebi Velija	Founder and President, VEVE Group

Moderated by **Dusan Gajic**, Chief Editor South East Europe TV Exchanges

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

Session III 14.30 - 16.00	KOSOVO: IS THE THREAD OF THIS DAMOCLEAN SWORD CLOSE TO BREAKING?
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Although the past 17 years have been marked by nationalism in the Western Balkans, to what degree are regional cooperation and the EU integration process beginning to trigger a new sense of cooperation? Serbia is doing much to promote the region's economic re-birth and to achieve a closer EU relationship, but its efforts have been hampered by two important questions: How can the new Serbian coalition government reassure Brussels that alleged war criminals will all be brought to justice, and what will be the reactions of Serbia, Kosovo and the EU itself to the possible outcome of the Kosovo status negotiations? Is there a serious possibility of Balkans politics slipping back down a path towards open conflict?

Mark Almond	Lecturer in Modern History, University of Oxford
Agim Çeku	Prime Minister of Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244)
Vladimir Chizhov	Ambassador, Mission of the Russian Federation to the EU
Edith Harxhi	Albania's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Joost Lagendijk MEP	Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rapporteur on the future of Kosovo and the role of the EU
Stefan Lehne	Director for Western Balkans, Council of the European Union and former EU Special Representative on the Kosovo future status process
Robert Manchin	Chairman and Managing Director, Gallup Europe

Moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe*

16.00 *End of Summit*

ü Speakers' and Moderators' Biographies

MARK ALMOND



Mark Almond is Lecturer in Modern History at Oriel College, University of Oxford.

Among his books is *Europe's Backyard War: The War in the Balkans*. He has written extensively on current developments in the Balkans in the media as well as commenting for broadcasters such as the BBC, Radio Free Europe and many others.

He has observed elections and other human rights issues in the ex-Yugoslav states as well as in Albania, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria for the British Helsinki Human Rights Group.

AGIM ÇEKU



Agim Çeku is Prime Minister of Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244). He was nominated to this post by the Kosovo Parliamentary Assembly in March 2006.

He began his military service with the Yugoslav Army as platoon commander in 1984 and continued to serve until 1991 when that army disintegrated in the wake of the break-up of Yugoslavia. Agim Çeku joined the newly formed Croatian Army as Captain and artillery commander in 1991. By 1995 he had reached the rank of Brigadier General.

In March 1999 Agim Çeku joined the newly formed Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) as its Chief of General Staff. He oversaw the unification of the KLA command and the co-ordination of its activities with NATO. Ending the war with the rank of Lieutenant-General, and receiving numerous awards from Kosovo and internationally, Agim Çeku was instrumental in the negotiations surrounding the de-mobilization and transformation of the KLA into the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC). As its Commander for six years, he oversaw the transformation of the KPC into a force based on western principles and methods and continuing to develop in close co-operation with the international community. On Agim Çeku's departure from the Corps to take up the Premiership, the President decorated him with a further medal for his military service to Kosovo.

Agim Çeku is a graduate of both the Military High School in Belgrade and the Military Academy in Zadar, where he graduated with highest honours.

VLADIMIR CHIZHOV



Vladimir Chizhov is Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union.

He has conducted analytical research work on European security, the OSCE, Russia-EU and Russia-NATO relations, the Mediterranean, and the Balkans, among other issues. He has participated in various international conferences, Contact Group and other meetings.

Chizhov joined the diplomatic service in 1976, and held posts in both Athens and Nicosia. In 1992 he was appointed Counsellor of the 2nd European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Moscow. Later the same year, he became Head of the UK/Ireland Division of the same department, before becoming Deputy Director in 1993.

In 1995 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Russian Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna, and the following year he took up the post of Deputy High Representative for Bosnia Peace Implementation, Sarajevo. From 1997 to 2000, he was Russian Special Representative for Cyprus, before later becoming Special Representative for the Balkans. In 1999 he became Director of the European Multilateral Cooperation Department of the MFA. He was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2002, and assumed his current role in 2005.

Vladimir Chizhov graduated with honours from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 1976.

CARLA DEL PONTE



Carla del Ponte is Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

She has held this post since her appointment by the UN Security Council in 1999. From 1999 to 2003, she was also Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Carla Del Ponte began practising law in 1975, setting up her own law and notary's office in Lugano, Switzerland. In 1981, she was appointed investigating magistrate and later became public prosecutor, working with the office of the Lugano district attorney. Responsible for investigating financial and white-collar crime, international drug trafficking and organized crime, she gained a thorough knowledge of international legal assistance in criminal matters. In 1994, she was appointed Attorney-General of Switzerland. She was also a member of the Federal Commission on White-Collar Crime.

In January 2007, Carla Del Ponte announced her intention to resign as Chief Prosecutor at the ICTY at the end of the year. She has been nominated as Switzerland's Ambassador to Argentina from January 2008.

Carla Del Ponte studied English in the UK, as well as law in Bern and Geneva, obtaining her LL.M. degree in 1972.

BORIS DIVJAK



Boris Divjak has been Chair of Transparency International (TI) Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2000, and is a member of the Global Board of Directors at Transparency International.

An economist by training, he is a leading expert in enabling business in Southeast Europe, with a 12-year professional experience and more than 30 international references and publications. He has been advising governments in: public policy and institution-building, regulatory governance, investment-friendly local economic and regional development, foreign direct investment policies, and public-private sector dialogue mechanisms. Most of this work was conducted through Foreign Investment Advisory Service of the World Bank, although Divjak also worked for the OECD, EU, USAID and UNDP.

Boris Divjak is also the founder of Transparency International (TI) Bosnia and Herzegovina. TI BiH is the most visible and most trusted NGO in the country and one of the leading chapters in the global anti-corruption movement. In this capacity, Boris Divjak has been involved in: corruption analysis, design and implementation of anti-corruption strategies and tools, and training of public officials. In 2005 he was elected to the global Board of Directors, representing the region of Europe and Central Asia. In 2007 he was appointed the Chair of the Membership Accreditation Committee.

Boris Divjak graduated in International Management and Business Administration from the University of Reading, UK, and the Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria. He holds a Masters degree in International Studies, also from Reading University.

BOŽIDAR ĐELIĆ



Božidar Đelić is Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia.

He is responsible for European integration, sustainable development, poverty reduction strategy implementation, and cooperation with international financial institutions. He is also Governor for Serbia at the World Bank and chairman of the governmental committee for restructuring and privatization of public enterprises. Recognizing his achievements in business and politics, the World Economic Forum (Davos) has nominated him as Young Global Leader for the period 2005-2010.

From 1991 to 1993, Đelić was a privatization and banking sector advisor to the Russian, Romanian and Polish governments. He was appointed partner with the strategic management consultancy McKinsey & Company, where he specialized in financial institutions and media from 1993 to 2000.

He held of the post of Minister of Finance and Economy in the Government of the Republic of Serbia from 2001 to 2004. During his time in office, Serbia was recognized by the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) as the leading reformist country. Božidar Đelić was also Serbia-Montenegrin Governor at the EBRD and Vice-Governor at the World Bank, before being appointed Director for Central Europe at Crédit Agricole SA Group in 2005. He was voted into the Serbian Parliament in the parliamentary elections of May 2007.

Božidar Đelić graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris in 1987. He received an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from Harvard Business School, USA in 1991.

GORDANA ĐUROVIĆ



Gordana Đurović is Montenegro's Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration.

She is a professor at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, where she teaches economic development and international economic relations. She is also head of postgraduate studies in the field of European economic integration.

From 2004 to 2006, Gordana Đurović was Minister for International Economic Relations of the Government of Montenegro. In 2005 she was appointed head of the negotiating team for the stabilization and association process, which was completed with signing of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) in 2007.

She is the co-author of the textbook "Economic Development" (1996) and of reports entitled "Montenegro: From foreign-trade re-integration towards European integration" (2006) and "Alternative Developmental Concepts of the Economy of Montenegro" (2002). She has also written more than 50 articles for international and national professional journals, as well as a number of papers relating to economic development, comparative economic analysis, and European integration.

Gordana Đurović graduated with a Master's degree from the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica in 1991, and in 1994, at the same faculty, she obtained her PhD in the field of economic development planning in transition.

DUSAN GAJIC



Dusan Gajic is Chief Editor of South East Europe TV Exchanges (SEETV), a Brussels-based TV agency. He is also European Affairs correspondent for Mreza Production Group, of which he is the co-founder.

Gajic founded SEETV in 2003 together with fellow journalists. SEETV provides news coverage of EU events and policies to Balkan broadcasters. SEETV is also involved in documentary production, mainly on topics of regional interest in the Balkans. SEETV's latest productions include an award-winning documentary entitled "Greetings from Kosovo", as well as a documentary on decentralisation in Kosovo.

From 1992 to 1993, he worked at the radio and TV broadcaster "Studio B" Belgrade, where his responsibilities included daily news broadcasts and the production of TV features. In 1994, he joined VIN TV Production, where he worked on the conception, design and production of various TV magazines on social issues in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

In 1997, Mr Gajic co-founded the Mreza Production Group, and until 2001 he was involved in the management and production of a bi-weekly TV news magazine on political, social and economic issues in Serbia and Montenegro. Between 2001 and 2002, he was editor-in-chief of EUROLINK, a weekly TV magazine focusing on European integration, produced by Mreza Production Group and broadcast on RTS, Studio B and TV B92.

Dusan Gajic graduated from Belgrade University in 1997 with a degree in Literature.

EDITH HARXHI



Edith Harxhi has been Albania's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs since December 2005.

In 1997 she served as Political Counsellor at the Albanian Embassy in Ankara, before taking up a post as Research Assistant at Bilkent University, dealing with foreign policy and security in the Balkans. In 2000 she worked briefly at the Department of Justice, International Judicial Support Unit, United Nations Mission in Kosovo.

In April 2001, Edith Harxhi was appointed political adviser to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG), at Pillar II Civil Administration, UNMIK. In this capacity she covered the issues of police and justice, minorities and social welfare. Her responsibilities also included relations with the Provisional Institutions on Self-Governance, the pension scheme for Kosovo, and labour regulation in Kosovo. She represented the DSRSG in the Task Force for Minorities in Kosovo, and aided him in successfully accomplishing one of the most important goals of the UN mission in Kosovo.

In 2002, Edith Harxhi was assigned to supervise the Office of Gender Affairs on behalf of the DSRSG. She also drafted the Gender Equality Law on behalf of UNMIK.

Between September 2003 and September 2005 she lectured on foreign policy and diplomacy at the Department of Political Science and Public Administrations at Pristina University.

In September 2004, Edith Harxhi served as security policy adviser to the Kosovo Prime Ministers and established the Office for Public Safety. She also prepared the strategy for the transfer of competencies in the security sector on behalf of the Kosovo Government.

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Harald Hirschhofer is the Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Serbia, a position he has held since 2004. He has also been Senior Economist at the IMF since 1994.

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From 1989 to 1990, Hirschhofer worked as an analyst for the Chase Manhattan Investment Bank, London. Between 1991 and 1992 he was International Institutions Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, USA. In 1992 he became Assistant to the President of the Oesterreichische Kontrollbank, where his responsibilities included reviewing the regulatory framework for Austrian capital markets and drafting a proposal for a new Austrian Stock Exchange Law.

From 1992 to 1993, he was Congressional Fellow of the Subcommittee on Telecommunication and Finance, Committee of Commerce and Energy, at the US House of Representatives.

Harald Hirschhofer graduated from the University of Vienna in 1989 with Master's degrees in Business Administration and in Philosophy and Political Sciences. He also holds a doctorate in Economics, also from the University of Vienna.

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Mladen Ivanić is the Co-chair of the House of Peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where previously he covered the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Upon completing his University studies, he worked as a journalist at Radio Banjaluka from 1981 to 1985. From 1985 to 1988 he was an assistant to the Professor of Political Economy at the Faculty of Economics in Banjaluka, and since 1988 he lectures in Political Economy as an Associate Professor. He also taught at Sarajevo (1990 - 1992) and at Srpsko Sarajevo (1992 - 1998). In 1998, he lectured at the Faculty of Social Science of University of Glasgow. He was a member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Cabinet from 1988 to 1991. Upon completion of studies, he immediately started to publish in daily newspapers and expert magazines. He published his articles in the following magazines: *Savremenost* (Modernity), *Pregled* (Overview), *Ideje* (Ideas), *Opredjeljenja* (Determinations), *Lica* (Faces), *Aktuelnosti* (Updates), Third program of Radio Sarajevo, and various foreign magazines. He was an author or co-author of several programmes for the World Bank, the UNDP and other international organisations. He is the author of two books and one study. He has published numerous scientific papers works and has participated in numerous scientific research projects.

Mladen Ivanić represented Bosnia and Herzegovina at the following high level international events: the OSCE in 1991; the Trilateral Commission session in Stockholm, November 1998; the World Economic Forum session in Davos (Switzerland) in 1999 and 2000; the Conference on Relations of the EU and Southeast Europe in Brussels in 1999, as well as numerous other international conferences. He has been a member of the Economic Council of Republika Srpska Government in three capacities. He is head of a postgraduate study on Reconstruction and Transition at the University of Banjaluka, in cooperation with the University of Bologna (Italy), University of Sussex (United Kingdom) and London School of Economics.

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In 1999 he founded the Party of Democratic Progress of Republika Srpska, of which he is its first President. From 2001 to 2003 he performed the duties of the President of the Government.

He graduated from the Faculty of Economics in Banjaluka in 1984 and obtained a master's degree from the University of Belgrade in 1984. In 1988, he was awarded a PhD degree from Belgrade, with a thesis on "Modern Marxist Political Economy in the West". He completed his post-doctoral studies at the University of Manheim (Germany) and University of Glasgow (United Kingdom).

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Jean-Pierre Jouyet is French Secretary of State for European Affairs.

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Jean-Pierre Jouyet graduated from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

JELKO KACIN



Jelko Kacin is a Member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Parliament's Rapporteur for Serbia.

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Between 1981 and 1985 he worked as a defence consultant and was subsequently promoted to Head of the Department of Civil Defence. In 1990 he became Assistant to the Secretary of People's Defence in the Kranj municipality and was later appointed Minister of Information. During the Slovenian War of Independence he successfully promoted Slovenia's demand for independence both at home and abroad. Following the war he concentrated on promoting Slovenia abroad.

In 1994 Jelko Kacin was appointed Minister of Defence. During his three-year term of office he directed his efforts towards the integration of Slovenia into the Euro-Atlantic security structures, cooperation within NATO's Partnership for Peace programme, the development of Slovenia's defence system and the modernisation of the Slovenian army.

During 1996-2000 he was Chairman of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee and also an active member of several National Assembly committees. During his tenure he strove to re-establish diplomatic relations with the Former Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) and to support the Republic of Montenegro in the period before the democratisation of FRY.

At the 2000 general election he was re-elected to the National Assembly. He became Chairman of the National Assembly Committee on Foreign Policy and President of the National IPU Group. He entered the European Parliament in 2004 as a representative of the Liberal Democracy of Slovenia.

Jelko Kacin graduated with a BA in Politics and Defence Studies from the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana in 1981.

JOOST LAGENDIJK



Joost Lagendijk is Chairman of the Delegation of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee and a member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs. He is the author of the European Parliament Report on the future of Kosovo and the role of the EU.

In addition, he is a member of the Supervisory Council of the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy, a member of the Assembly of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, and a member of the Advisory Council of the European Policy Centre.

From 1987 to 1988, Joost Lagendijk was editor of SUA (Amsterdam Socialist Publishers), before becoming director and publisher of Stichting Tijdschrift Maatschappelijk Welzijn, a publisher of journals in the fields of care and welfare. In 1994 he took up a post as publisher at the publishing house Babylon-De Geus in Amsterdam. He also founded the magazine De Helling, the political and scientific party magazine of GroenLinks, and worked as the magazine's editor between 1990 and 1994.

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Michael Leigh's professional experience with the European institutions began in 1977. Since then, he has held a number of positions in the European Commission and the Secretariat-General of the Council, including posts at DG RELEX, DG Fisheries and DG Information. Between 1988 and 1998 he served as an advisor to Commissioners Lord Cockfield, Frans Andriessen and Hans van den Broek. In 1999, he was appointed Director of the Task Force for the Accession Negotiations of the Czech Republic.

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Since 1988, Robert Manchin has worked on various research projects related to the Balkans, including the first empirical surveys ever conducted in Albania, an extended-period heading survey, and media monitoring projects in Bosnia & Herzegovina and elsewhere. In an effort to help bridge cultural and political gaps, as well as to shape efficient partnerships between policy analysts and decision-makers at various levels, Manchin is initiating a new project entitled "The Balkan Monitor" to provide reliable primary information on all the countries and, in particular, the sub-regions of the Balkans. The goal is to provide a better understanding of the micro-economics of firms and the subjective well-being of citizens, as well as their fears and hopes and the mutual appreciation of the nations and minorities in each of the countries.

As a social scientist, Robert Manchin began his career at the Sociological Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1969. From 1982 to 1986, he was visiting professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison and at Northern Illinois University in the Department of Sociology, where he taught demography and research methods.

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Robert Manchin obtained an MA degree in economics from the Karl Marx University of Economics in Budapest in 1968, and an MA in Sociology from McMaster University, Ontario (Canada) in 1971.

GILES MERRITT



Giles Merritt is the founder and Secretary-General of *Friends of Europe*, the Brussels-based think-tank that focuses on high-level EU policy proposals. A former Brussels correspondent of the *Financial Times*, he is a journalist, author and broadcaster who has specialised in the study and analysis of European public policy issues since 1978.

Friends of Europe is the most innovative of the three main think-tanks in Brussels on reaching public opinion around Europe. It brings EU-related issues to as broad an audience as possible, and in mid-2003 Merritt was anchorman for its week-long 28-nations satellite-linked debate on European reform. "Hearing from Europe" involved partner think-tanks across Europe and was broadcast by 18 national TV channels. It has paved the way for a series of EU-US satellite debates called "Atlantic Rendez-Vous".

Giles Merritt is also the editor of the policy-journal *Europe's World*. Published three times a year, it is the only pan-European publication that offers policy-makers and opinion-formers across Europe a platform for presenting ideas and forging consensus on key issues. It reflects the diversity of national policy debates in EU states, with particular attention being paid to newcomer and candidate countries.

Giles Merritt is the founder and director of SDA (Security and Defence Agenda), Brussels' only regular platform for debating the world's defence and security challenges.

He began his newspaper career in 1968, when he joined the *Financial Times*. From 1972 he was successively FT correspondent in Paris, Dublin, Belfast, and Brussels, until leaving the newspaper in 1983. Since 1984 Giles Merritt has been a columnist for the *International Herald Tribune*, and his articles on the editorial page of the IHT range widely across EU political and economic issues.

As one of the most influential commentators in Brussels on EU issues, he is a pioneer of the public policy debate on Europe's future, both as a journalist and think-tanker.

STJEPAN MESIĆ



Stjepan Mesić was sworn in as President of the Republic of Croatia on 7 February 2000. He subsequently left the party in order to take up this post and was re-elected on 16 January 2005.

He entered the political scene as a member of Parliament in the Socialist Republic of Croatia (Sabor). In the early 1970s he was sentenced to one year in prison for his participation in the movement advocating Croatia's equality within Yugoslavia, the so-called 'Croatian Spring'.

In the early 1990s he entered the HDZ/Croatian Democratic Union. He has been Secretary of the HDZ since 1990 and later became Chairman of its Executive Committee. After the first multi-party free elections he was appointed the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, serving from May 1990 to August 1990. Pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, he became Croatia's member in the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, holding the post of the President of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia until December 1991.

The independent Croatian state elected him Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia in 1992. He remained in office until 1994 when he was removed after leaving the HDZ and founding a new political party – the Independent Croatian Democrats (HND) – due to his dissatisfaction with the overall HDZ policy and particularly the policy towards Bosnia & Herzegovina. In 1997 after a split in the HND party, with a majority of the HND members he joined the Croatian People's Party (HNS), holding the posts of Party Executive Vice-President and Chairman of the HNS municipal organisation in Zagreb.

Stjepan Mesić graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb in 1961.

DORIS PACK



Doris Pack was elected member of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament in July 1989. She is the President of “Women in the EPP” and an Executive Member of the EPP.

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Doris Pack began her political career as a Member of the Bübingen Council in 1967. In 1974 she became a member of the Saarbrücken Council where she stayed for 2 years. From 1983 until 1985 she worked in the Saarland Ministry of Education and was a Member of the Bundestag from 1974 to 1983 and from 1985 to 1989. She also was a Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and of the WEU Assembly from 1981 to 1983, and 1985 to 1989.

She graduated from teaching college in 1965.

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He established the first Albanian Satellite RTV channel Alsat. He has also published the two books "Quo Vadis Albania", his perception and vision of the economic recovery programme of Albania, and "Between Economy and Politics", a summary of talks, speeches and manuscripts.

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