

PROGRAMM



The Western Balkans between East and West – the EU challenge

Regional KAS-fellows-meeting in the Balkans

Termin: 14. - 17. September 2017
Tagungsort: Premium Beach Hotel, Durres Beach, Albania
Organisation: Walter Glos
Zheni Korcari

Thursday, 14. September 2017

Until 23.00 Arrival of participants

19.30 Dinner

Friday, 15. September 2017

Until 8.45 Breakfast

9.00 **Welcoming Address**
Walter Glos, *KAS Albania*
Henri-Giscard Bohnet, *KAS Berlin*

9.30-10.30 **Interactive introduction round of the participants**
Moderation: Ejona Gjeci, Stela Kosova, Andi Gjetani

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **National Presentations: The Western Balkans between East and West**
Moderation: Ejona Gjeci, Stela Kosova

Albania: a view from the West and the East
Delegation from Albania

11.15 **Muslims in Germany – part of history and culture?**
Delegation from Germany

11.30 Discussion

11.50 **In and out, Kosovo's position in the foreign policy of the Western Balkans**
Delegation from Kosovo

12.05 **Cultural influences: East, West, or Balkan?**
Delegation from Bulgaria

12.20 **The political economy of the regional integration in the Western Balkans**
Delegation from Croatia

- 12.35 *Discussion*
- 13.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 **National presentations continued: The Western Balkans between East and West**
Moderation: Dr. Kerim Kudo, KAS Germany
- Macedonia, a Balkan land where West and East meet – cultural bridges among ethnic groups**
Delegation from Macedonia
- 14.15 **Western values vs. Russia’s historic patronage in Serbia from the 2000’s**
Delegation from Serbia
- 14.30 **Religious Plurality in Western Balkans and its impact on EU integration**
Delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 14.45 Discussion
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.20 **The importance of the OSCE for the Balkans followed by our unique added value in Albania in the last 20 years**
Bernd Borchardt, Head of OSCE Presence in Albania
- 16.00 **Temporalities of culture during the Communism in Albania**
Dr. Nebi Bardhoshi, Head of the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Art
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.00 End of the first day of seminar
- 19.30 Grill party at the beach/Hotel Premium

Saturday, 16. September 2017

Until 9.00 Breakfast

Moderation: Matilda Alku

9.15 **The tension between democratization and socialist regime legacies**

Delegation from Romania

9.30 **International influences to the democratization process in the Western Balkans: EU and NATO membership conditionality and Russian influence**

Delegation from Montenegro

10.00 Discussion

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **From Dayton to Brussels - Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path towards the EU**

Elvis Kondciz, Former adviser to the Prime Minister on EU-Integration and international affairs in Bosnia & Herzegovina

11.30 **One Belt, one road: the other connectivity platform in the Balkans?**

Ardian Hackaj, Head of Cooperation and Development Institute, CDI

12.00 Discussion conclusions and end of the seminar
Moderated by: Amos R. Helms, KAS Germany

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Departure to Tirana: East meets West in Albania's capital city

21.30 Departure from Tirana to the hotel

Sunday, 17. September 2017

Departure of the participants