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MONDAY 13 MAY

15.00 - Registration

15.30 - 15.45 **Welcome and Introduction:**

- **Jan SUROTCHAK**, IRI, *Director for Europe*
- **Anna ZÁBORSKÁ MEP**, *Member of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Head of the EPP Group Slovak Delegation, Member of the EP Committee on 'Development'*

15.45 - 17.15 Round Table: **Political Parties in the Western Balkans and Their Ideological Affiliations: What is the Potential for Reform?**

Chair:

- **Eduard KUKAN MEP**, *Member of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation for relations with 'Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo'*

Key Speakers:

- **Monica Luisa MACOVEI MEP**, *Member of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation to the 'EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee'*

Speakers:

- **Anna IBRISAGIC MEP**, *Member of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Member of the EP Committee on 'Foreign Affairs', Member of the EP delegation for relation with 'Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo'*
- **Paul PROSOSKI**, *Director, IRI Serbia,*
- **Borislav SPASOJEVIC**, *Director, IRI Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Srdan BOGOSAVLJEVIC**, *Director Ipsos Strategic Marketing, Belgrade, Serbia*
- **Ivan DAMJANOVSKI**, *Researcher, Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis - Skopje*

17.15 - 17.30 Coffee Break

17.30 - 18.30 Q&A and debate with the audience

18.30 – 19.00 **Conclusions**

Rapporteurs:

- **Branislav STANICEK**, *MA in Geopolitics, Sorbonne University*

20.30 **Dinner** (by invitation only)

Restaurant: **Reštaurácia HRAD**, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1

- Keynote speech: **Mikuláš DZURINDA**, *Former Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs*

TUESDAY 14 MAY

09.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 09.45 **Welcome and Introduction**

- **Miriam LEXMANN**, *IRI, Head of EU Office*
- **Ján FIGEL**, *Deputy Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, Former Member of the European Commission*

09.45 - 11.15 Round Table: **EU Aspirations in the Western Balkans in the Midst of Economic Crisis**

Chair:

- **György SCHÖPFLIN MEP**, *Member of the EPP Group in the European Parliament Member of the EP Delegation for relations with' Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo'*

Speakers:

- **Srdan BOGOSAVLJEVIC**, *Director, Ipsos Strategic Marketing, Belgrade, Serbia*
- **Kristof BENDER**, *Senior Analyst, European Stability Initiative*
- **Milan NIĆ**, *Senior Fellow, Central European Policy Institute, Bratislava*
- **Vladimir TODORIĆ**, *Director, New Policy Center*

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.30 Q&A and debate with the audience

12.30 – 13.00 **Conclusions**

Rapporteurs:

- **Branislav STANICEK**, *MA in Geopolitics, Sorbonne University*

13.00 - 13.15 **Closing Words**