

EU Enlargement

The role of the European Union in the Western Balkans: Perspectives on the Enlargement process

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Europe House
Rakovski Street 124
1000 Sofia
Room tbc

09:30 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and short introduction**

Lubov Panayotova, Director, The European Institute

Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria tbc

10:30 – 11:15 **The role of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) in the Balkans**

Henk Visser, Programme manager, Justice and Home Affairs - Western Balkans and Turkey; Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations; D7: Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes tbc

Eric L.J.F.M. Vincken, Deputy Director, Senior Project Manager, Center for International Legal Cooperation

Ruslan Stefanov, Director, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia tbc

Question and Answer Session

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:30 **The Bulgarian perspective on co-operation**

Vladimir Shopov, Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria

Dr. Atanas Slavov, Advisor to the Minister of Justice, Republic of Bulgaria

Maria Prohaska, Director, Centre for Economic Development

Question and Answer Session

12:30 – 13:00 **Discussion round with all speakers**

13:00 **Networking Lunch**

Moderator: Borislav Mavrov, Programme Director, European Institute tbc

Simultaneous Interpretation: English / Bulgarian

