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*