

Policy Roundtable

**Strengthening Democratic Resilience in the EU's Neighborhood:
The Role of Good Governance and Constructive Capital**

12 October 2022

Germany Room, Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, Brussels

Agenda

- 15:00** *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 15:30** *Opening*
Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for Study of Democracy, Knowledge and Outreach Coordinator, SELDI
Jeffrey Lightfoot, Program Director, Europe, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington DC
- 15:40** *Keynote address*
Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, MEP, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance; Vice Chair, Delegation of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee, European Parliament
Gwendoline Delbos, Corfield, MEP, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Special Committee on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the European Union, including disinformation
- 16:00** *Geopolitics, state capture and peak corruption. What's next for anticorruption in the Western Balkans?*
Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for Study of Democracy
Dušan Reljić, Head of the Brussels Office, German Institute for International and Security Affairs
- Leveraging constructive capital to tackle illicit finance and state capture vulnerabilities in the Balkans: The case of Bulgaria and North Macedonia*
Dr. Vanya Petrova, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Dr. Zoran Nechev, Head, Center for EU Integration, Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis, Skopje
- The Kremlin Playbook in Energy: Lessons for Europe's geopolitical future in the Balkans and in the Eastern Neighborhood*
Martin Vladimirov, Director, Energy and Climate Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- Discussion*
- Moderator: **Aleksandar Kržalovski**, Coordinator, SELDI; Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation
- 17:00** *Closing statement*