

Policy Forum

Tackling State Capture in Southeast Europe

Delivering on the European Rule of Law Promise

25 January 2023

Hotel Golden Tulip Zira, Belgrade, and Zoom

Agenda

- 8:45 CET** *Registration*
- 9:15 CET** *Opening remarks*
Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for Study of Democracy
Tanja Mišćević, Minister of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia
Ambassador Jørn Eugene Gjelstad, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade
Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, United States Embassy in Belgrade
Srđan Majstorović, Chairman of the Governing Board, European Policy Centre - CEP, Belgrade
- 10:00 CET** *Keynote address: Bridging the Gap between Diagnostics and State Capture*
Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (online)
- 10:10 CET** *Panel 1: Countering State Capture: Exposing Corruption Risks from Politically Connected Companies*
Viktoriia Poltoratskaia, Senior Analyst, Government Transparency Institute, Budapest (online)
Dragana Rakić, Member, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade; Vice President, Democratic Party
Prof. Dr. Miroslav Milićević, Vice-President, Anti-corruption Council, Belgrade
Bart de Bruijn, Project Manager, Embassy of the Netherlands in Belgrade
Savo Manojlović, Campaigns Director, Kreni Promeni, Belgrade
- Discussion*
- Moderator: Simona Ernu*, Executive Director, Romanian Academic Society
- 11:20 CET** *Coffee break*
- 11:40 CET** *Panel 2: Making Asset Declarations Work: Flagging Illicit Enrichment*
Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia
Desislava Gotskova, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, Sarajevo
Daniel Belingher, Head, Service for Implementing Structural Funds, Studies and Strategies, National Integrity Agency, Bucharest
Andrew Dornbierer, Senior Asset Recovery Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance (online)
- Discussion*
- Moderator: Dr. Vanya Petrova*, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for Study of Democracy, Sofia
- 13:00 CET** *Lunch*

14:00 CET *Video address: Towards Reinvigorating Euro-Atlantic Anti-Corruption Cooperation*
Krum Zarkov, Minister of Justice of Bulgaria (online)

14:10 CET *Panel 3: Showcasing Public-Private Partnership Approaches in Southeast Europe*
Dr. Alexander Gerganov, Director, Sociological Program, Center for Study of Democracy
Danka Andonovski, City Councillor for Investments and Project Management, City of Kragujevac
Ksenija Mitrović, Head, Education, Anti-Corruption Plans and Strategy Sector, Agency for Prevention of Corruption of Serbia
Aleksandar Đorđević, National Programme Officer, UNODC, Belgrade

Discussion

Moderator: Andrija Mladenović, Project Manager, European Policy Centre - CEP, Belgrade

15:30 CET *Coffee break*

15:50 CET *Panel 4: Exploring Civil Society Perspectives in the Context of the War in Ukraine*
Dirk Lorenz, Head, Political Section, European Union Delegation to Serbia
Milena Jenovai, Project Manager, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption, U.S. Agency for International Development, Belgrade
Kateryna Ryzhenko, Deputy Executive Director for Legal Affairs, Transparency International Ukraine (online)
Olena Kupina, Lawyer-Analyst, Institute of Legislative Ideas, Ukraine (online)
Ambassador Gudrun Steinacker, Vice President, South East Europe Association

Moderator: Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for Study of Democracy

17:30 CET *Closing keynote*
Daniel Freund, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/Europe Free Alliance (online)

The working language of the forum is English.

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