

Policy Forum

Anti-Corruption, Democratic Resilience and Economic Security

9 November 2023

Sredets Hall, Sofia Balkan Palace Hotel, and Zoom

Agenda

- 9:00 EET** *Welcome coffee*
- 9:30 EET** *Opening*
Ognian Shentov, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy
Siri Beate Barry, Ambassador of Norway to Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova
- Keynotes*
Nikolay Denkov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
Laura Kövesi, European Chief Prosecutor
- 10:00 EET** *Building Democratic Resilience through Anti-Corruption Policy and Action*
Michel Sapin, former Minister of Finance of France
Hristo Ivanov, MP, former Minister of Justice of Bulgaria
Lilyana Pavlova, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (2019–2023)
Ute Stiegel, Deputy Head, Legal Affairs and Anti-Corruption Unit, Directorate for International and Horizontal Affairs, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- Discussion*
Chair: Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 11:00 EET** *Coffee break*
- 11:30 EET** *Anti-Corruption Policy Implementation: New Instruments for Engagement and Impact*
Alexander Gerganov, Director, Sociological Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Mihaly Fazekas, Director, Government Transparency Institute, Budapest
Angelos Binis, Governance and Public Administration Unit, Directorate for Support to Member State Reforms, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support, European Commission
Misha Popovikj, Head, Center for Good Governance, Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis, Skopje
- Discussion*
Chair: Vanya Petrova, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 13:00 EET** *Lunch*

14:00 EET *Countering Strategic Corruption and Advancing Economic Security in Europe*
Martin Vladimirov, Director, Energy and Climate Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Isaac Levi, Europe-Russia Policy & Energy Analysis Team Lead, Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air
Christopher Lambin, Senior Data Investigations Advisor, Global Witness
Borja Pastor, Head, Financial Crime Team, European Financial and Economic Crime Centre, Europol

Discussion

Chair: **Jeffrey Lightfoot**, Program Director, Europe, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington DC

15:30 EET *Coffee break*

16:00 EET *Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships against Corruption*
Boyko Todorov, Senior Associate Fellow, Center for the Study of Democracy
Ferenc Bíró, President, Hungarian Integrity Authority
Aleksandra Vojinović, Secretary of the Council, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro
Daniel Belingher, Head of Service for Implementing Structural Funds, Studies and Strategies, National Integrity Agency, Romania

Discussion

Chair: **Desislava Gotskova**, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, Sarajevo

17:30 EET *Closing*

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