



# TOGETHER FOR **ALBANIA**

INTERNATIONAL DONORS' CONFERENCE  
AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

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Tuesday 4 February

## MEDIA ADVISORY

The European Union is organising an international donors' conference on 17 February 2020 in Brussels to support the reconstruction efforts in Albania after the earthquake that struck the country at the end of November.

The EU, its Member States, the Western Balkan partners, representatives from the EU Neighbourhood and from other countries, EU's strategic and other interested partners, international organisations and financial institutions, including the UN and the World Bank together with the civil society are due to participate.

You are invited to register your participation no later than 10 February.

### 1. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

All journalists, including those holding a European Commission accreditation badge, need to register for the conference.

Media are invited to register as soon as possible via this link:

[https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/donor\\_albania2020/e/lk/g/12605/k/](https://scic.ec.europa.eu/ew/register/dgscic/donor_albania2020/e/lk/g/12605/k/)

**Deadline:** 10 February 16:00 CET

Journalists needing a visa are advised to register as soon as possible (see section on visas below).

### Procedure

Before starting the registration process, make sure you have:

- the number of your passport or identity card

- the scan of a valid press card

You may be asked to send additional documents or information to demonstrate that you fulfil the media accreditation criteria. For more information on our accreditation policy, see [our terms and conditions](#).

You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt by email and you may access your profile at any time to check the status of your application.

## **Badge collection**

Accreditation badges must be collected at the Charlemagne building (Rue de la Loi 170, 140 Brussels))

- on Monday 17 February from 13:30

## **2. PHOTO/TV OPPORTUNITIES**

Arrivals and departures, as well as the opening of the conference and press conference are accessible to all accredited media.

Due to limited space, media may not have access to the main conference room but will be able to follow the conference from a listening room (Jenkins room). A number of floater badges allowing access to the main conference room will be made available.

## **3. VENUE**

The conference will take place in the Gasperi room of the Charlemagne building (Rue de la Loi 170).

The press conference will take place in the pressroom of the Berlaymont building (Rue de la Loi 200).

The press room will be set up in the Jenkins room of the Charlemagne building (Rue de la Loi 170).

The opening hours will be: 13:30 to 19:00

The press room facilities will offer:

- around 120 work places with WiFi connection,
- Equipped to follow the main conference room including interpretation
- a limited number of analogue telephone lines available in the lobby of the press room

A briefing room for participating delegations will be located on the first floor "salle Durieux".

Meals, refreshments and light cold meals can be bought at a self-service restaurant on the ground floor. Permanent running coffee will be served in the lobby of the press room.

NB/ Media representatives may reserve work places by means of a label indicating their name and media organisation. The press office cannot reserve work places. Reserved places not occupied at the beginning of the conference may be taken by others.

#### 4. HOST BROADCASTER

Public parts of the conference can be watched via the [Europe by Satellite \(EbS\) website](#).

All host broadcaster footage will be available for download in broadcast quality (MPEG-4 - 16/9 format).

A selection of photographs taken by Commission photographers will be published on [EBS](#). The high-resolution photographs can be also downloaded and used free of charge for non-commercial use (provided the copyright "European Union" is mentioned).

#### 5. INTERPRETATION

The conference will be facilitated by simultaneous interpretation in: Albanian, English, French, and German.

#### 6. VISAS

Media representatives must hold a valid visa, if required, to enter the Belgian territory. They are therefore advised to obtain their visa in advance by presenting the necessary documentation to the Belgian consular office competent for their country of residence.

Once the request for accreditation is completed online, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt by email. You must print this email and include it to your visa request. We strongly advise media representatives to apply for a visa as soon as possible.

For more information regarding visa procedures, you can visit the following website: [https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel to belgium/visa for belgium/](https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel%20to%20belgium/visa%20for%20belgium/)

#### 7. SECURITY MEASURES

Access to the Charlemagne and to the Berlaymont buildings will be through a dedicated security point, upon presentation of the nominative accreditation badge and proof of identity. All participants will undergo a security check. Any additional security measures will be communicated at a later stage if relevant.

#### 8. ACCOMMODATION & OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The European Commission does not organise centralised booking for media accommodation.

A list of hotels as well as other information on the Brussels region can be found on the visit Brussels website: <https://visitbrussels.be/>.

Media representatives can find information on public transport in Brussels on the following website: <http://www.stib.be>.

The conference venues are close to the Schuman metro station.

## 9. CONTACTS

For updates on the conference go to <https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/international-donors-conference-albania-earthquake>

For questions related to the programme and discussions at the conference:

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