



Bridging the gap

between youth policy, youth
participation and parliamentarians in
the Western Balkans

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BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
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MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

	<i>Arrival of youth participants</i>
14:30	Registration of the participants at the Visitors Accreditation <i>Venue: Altiero Spinelli, Place du Luxembourg</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Welcome by the Chair: Mr Eduard Kukan MEP, Chair of the Working Group on Western Balkans in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament <i>Venue: PHS 05B001</i>
15:10 – 15:30	Address by Ms Heidi HAUTALA Vice-President of the European Parliament, on behalf of Mr Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament <i>Venue: PHS 05B001</i>
15:30 – 16:50	Opening Session: The role of young parliamentarians in promoting youth policies and the participation of youth in politics Chaired by Mr Fabio Massimo Castaldo Vice President of the European Parliament and lead MEP for EP Young Political Leaders Programme Moderated by Mr Claus Giering Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission Introductory Statements: Ms Maja Videnovic Member of Parliament, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Mr Blazhen Maleski National Youth Council of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Ms Ana Mullanji Beyond Barriers Exchange of views <i>Venue: ASP 3G2</i>
16:50 - 17:30	New opportunities for support of initiatives on youth political participation Mr Jerzy Pomianowski Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy <i>Venue: ASP 3G2</i>
17:30 – 17:50	Coffee break <i>Venue: PHS 05B001</i>

17:50 – 18:30	<p>The parliament’s role in empowering the civil society / Promoting good governance, the Rule of Law and non-discrimination</p> <p>(Meeting with Members of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights, chaired by Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri Chair of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights)</p> <p>Member of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights (tbc)</p> <p>Mr Erwan Fouéré Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels</p> <p>Ms Urania Pirovska Director, Helsinki Committee of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>Exchange of views</p> <p><i>Venue: PHS 05B001</i></p>
19:00 - 21:00	<p>Dinner hosted by the European Commission</p> <p>Ms Myriam Ferran, Director for Strategy and Turkey, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission</p> <p><i>Venue: Atelier 29, Rue Jacques de la Laing 29</i></p>

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

08:30	<p>Registration of the participants at the Visitors Accreditation</p> <p><i>Venue: Altiero Spinelli, Place du Luxembourg</i></p>
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Panel Discussion: Follow up to Trieste I - Why “bridging the Gap” between Parliamentarians and Youth Organisations is important and how to advance the youth policy agenda?</p> <p>Chaired by Mr Fabio Massimo Castaldo Vice President of the European Parliament and lead MEP for EP Young Political Leaders Programme</p> <p>Moderated by Ms Claire Morel Head of Unit, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission</p> <p>Introductory Statements:</p> <p>Mr Nicholas Cendrowicz Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission</p> <p>Ms Ivana Tufegdžikj Member of Parliament, Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>Mr Nikola Rakočević Member of Parliament, Parliament of Montenegro</p> <p>Mr Djuro Blanusa Secretary General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office of the Western Balkans</p> <p>Mr David Garrahy Head of Policy and Advocacy, European Youth Forum</p> <p>Exchange of views</p> <p><i>Venue: ASP 3G2</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	<p>Coffee break in the meeting room</p>

<p>11:00 - 12:30</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Follow up to Trieste II - Youth Participation</p> <p>Chaired by Mr Fabio Massimo Castaldo Vice President of the European Parliament and lead MEP for EP Young Political Leaders Programme</p> <p>Moderated by Ms Claire Morel Head of Unit, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission</p> <p>Ms Stefana Miladinović Member of Parliament, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Mr Stephen Clark Director for Relations with Citizens, Directorate General for Communication, European Parliament - Initiatives for continuous dialogue between youth leaders and key decision makers (EYE2018), Young people as voters (EE2019)</p> <p>Ms Dona Kosturanova Youth Education Forum of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>Mr Enis Durguti Kosovo Youth Centers' Network</p> <p>Exchange of views</p> <p>Venue: ASP 3G2</p>
<p>12:30 - 12:45</p>	<p>Wrap-up facilitated by RYCO</p> <p>Venue: ASP 3G2</p>
<p>12:45 - 14:30</p>	<p>Buffet lunch</p> <p>Venue: JAN Restaurant, 2nd Floor</p>
<p>15:00 - 15:05</p>	<p>Opening Remarks by Mr David McAllister Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Venue JAN 2Q2</p>
<p>15:05 - 15:20</p>	<p>Keynote address by Mr Christian Danielsson Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission</p> <p>Venue JAN 2Q2</p>
<p>15:20 - 16:00</p>	<p>Introductory remarks by MPs from the Western Balkan countries</p> <p>Venue JAN 2Q2</p>
<p>16:00 - 16:40</p>	<p>The perspectives of EU integration and the accession process</p> <p>Ms Keit Pentus-Rosimannus Member of Parliament, Parliament of Estonia (Riigikogu), EU Affairs Committee, on behalf of the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU</p> <p>Mr Hristo Gadzhev Member of Parliament, National Assembly of Bulgaria, Foreign Affairs Committee, on behalf of the incoming Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU</p> <p>Mr Eduard Kukan MEP, Chair of the AFET Working Group on Western Balkans and the Delegation to the EU Serbia SAPC</p> <p>Ms Angelina Eichhorst Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service</p> <p>Venue JAN 2Q2</p>

16:40 - 18:00

Exchange of views

Opening Concluding remarks by Mr David McAllister Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Venue JAN 2Q2

19.30 - 20.30

Dinner hosted by European Parliament – Conclusions and way forward, including feedback from the participants on the programme

Mr Fabio Massimo Castaldo Vice President of the European Parliament and lead MEP for EP Young Political Leaders Programme

Ms Genoveva Ruiz Calavera Director Western Balkans, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

Venue: Stanhope Hotel, Balmoral Private Room