



# Freedom of Expression and Media in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Brussels, **4 NOVEMBER**



## Draft Programme

**4 November 2015**

Charlemagne building, Alcide de Gasperi room,  
170 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels

### 8:30-9:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

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### 9:30 OPENING

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Welcome by **Christian Danielsson**, Director General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

- **Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations
- **Ulrike Lunacek**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Nils Muižnieks**, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

## 10:30 SESSION 1

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### Freedom of Expression in the Western Balkans and Turkey: Progress and persisting challenges

Moderator: **Tea Gorjanc-Prelević**, Director, *Human Rights Action* (Podgorica)

- **Florian Raunig**, Head of *OSCE Mission to Albania*
- **Jeta Xharra**, Director, *Balkan Investigative Reporting Network* (Pristina)
- **Miroslav Milićević** Vice-President, Serbian Anticorruption Council (Belgrade)
- **Bobi Hristov**, Editor, *Telma TV* (Skopje)
- **William Horsley**, International Director, *Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM)*, University of Sheffield
- **Yavuz Baydar**, *Punto 24* (Istanbul)

## 12:15 LUNCH

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## 13:45 SESSION 2

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### “New media” in the context of democracy and critical thinking

Moderator: **Yaman Akdeniz**, Professor, *Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey*

- **Adeline Hulin**, Communication and Information Consultant, *UNESCO*
- **Jasmin Hadžiahmetović**, web editor, *N1* (Sarajevo)
- **Divina Frau-Meigs**, Professor of Media Sociology, *Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, France*
- **Andrew Puddephatt**, expert on internet policy and freedom of expression, *Global Partners Digital*, (London)
- **Besar Likmeta**, writer, *Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Albania* (Tirana)

- **Nikola Ristić**, executive editor, *European Western Balkans* (Belgrade)

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#### 15:15 – COFFEE BREAK

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#### 15:35 SESSION 3

##### The way forward

Moderator: **Remzi Lani**, Director, *Albanian Media Institute* (Tirana)

- **Aidan White**, Director, *Ethical Journalism Network*, (London)
- **Vukašin Obradović**, President, *Independent Journalist Association* (NUNS) (Belgrade)
- **Boro Kontić**, Director, *Mediacentar* (Sarajevo)
- **Siniša Bjeković**, deputy Ombudsman (Podgorica)
- **Mogens Blicher Bjerregård**, President, *European Federation of Journalists*

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#### 17:00 SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Summary of the conference by moderators **Tea Gorjanc-Prelević**, **Yaman Akdeniz** and **Remzi Lani**
- Concluding remark by **Commissioner Johannes Hahn**

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#### 18:00 RECEPTION