



Fourth Annual Conference

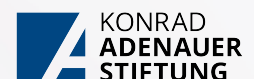
# MOVE. LINK. ENGAGE

**Dates:** 13th and 14th of September 2018  
**Venue:** Hotel Zira Belgrade (Ruzveltova 35)

## **Move. Link. Engage. The Enlargement: A Brand Old Story**

This year's annual, the fourth in a series, Move. Link. Engage. Conference is organized by the Belgrade Open School and the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, with the support of the Embassy of Sweden in Serbia, "Europe for Citizens" Programme of the European Union, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund and Solidar Suisse Office in Serbia. The aim of the Conference is to promote and encourage regional approach in resolving joint challenges and foster cooperation among citizens and civil society organizations by supporting and enhancing reforms yielding from EU integration process in Western Balkan countries through advanced role of civil society organisations and media.

The working part of the conference is divided in two days in panel and parallel sessions dealing with specific, carefully chosen topics relevant for European integration process of all accession countries. The Conference will be open with vivid debate on brand old story which is, since the last Conference, back on the EU agenda – Enlargement. The special focus on this panel debate will be dedicated to new wind in enlargement sails and how WB countries can use this momentum to further advance in the process. Continuing, the focus will be shifted to opening of four parallel session around which second day is focused on. We will discuss on concrete policies within EU integration process dealing with: Connectivity as a new buzz word for Enlargement, civil society response to Environment, Energy and Climate Change, the role and impact of civil society and media in delivering "Fundamentals First" and civil society contribution in delivering the recommendation and best practices for work based learning. Civil society in the WB region has contributed significantly in making impact within the European integration process of their respective countries. However, we will try to conclude on further steps and possibilities to do more, how to do it and who can be of a support in following initiatives. Working language of the Conference is English. Simultaneous translation to and from Serbian is envisaged during the entire Conference.



# OPENING CEREMONY DAY I

13TH OF SEPTEMBER 2018  
**MYKONOS HALL, HOTEL ZIRA**  
BELGRADE

16:00-16:30 **Registration**

16:30-17:00 **Welcoming Remarks**

Ms. Vesna Đukić, **General Director, Belgrade Open School**  
Mr. Žarko Stepanović, **Acting Director, Office for Cooperation with Civil Society, Government of the Republic of Serbia**  
Ms. Mateja Norčič Štamcar, **Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia**  
H. E. Mr. Jan Lundin, **Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden in Belgrade, Serbia**

17:00-18:00 **The Enlargement: A Brand Old Story**

H.E. Mr. Nikolaus Lutterotti, **Ambassador, Embassy of Austria in Belgrade Representative, European People's Party (EPP)**  
Mr. Florent Marciacq, **Deputy Secretary General & Research Fellow, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe**  
Ms. Madalina Sisu Vicari, **Managing Director, Vocal Europe**

**Moderator:** Mr. Lazar Džamić, **Creative strategist and lecturer at Faculty for Media and Communications**

**Session Description:** Although the European Union's enlargement policy is widely viewed as one of its most successful policy areas, the relationship between widening and deepening the EU has not always run smoothly. The expansion of the EU West (1970s), South (1980s), North (1990s) and East (2000s) consecutively over six decades while also pursuing ever closer integration has led to "enlargement fatigue" in the current member states and to enlargement being put on the back burner. However, on 6 February 2018, the European Commission published a new strategy paper on EU enlargement that set out how the European Union might engage with and provide an enhanced accession perspective for the six states in the Western Balkans. This was followed on 17 April 2018 by individual country reports which have injected new momentum to the enlargement process and provides a roadmap for the six states to converge towards the European Union model of integration.

18:00-18:40 **Intro Speeches**

Mr. Pavle Janković, **Head of Department for Regional Initiatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia**  
Ms. Ana Toskić, **Executive Director, Partners for Democratic Change Serbia**  
Mr. Stevan Vujasinović, **Southeast Europe Communications Manager at Climate Action Network Europe**  
Ms. Ivona Simić, **HR Expert & Counsellor at the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia**

18:40-20:10 **Cocktail Dinner**

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## DAY II

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### 09:30-10:30 **Civil Society as a Force for Change in the EU Accession Process**

Mr. Ola Andersson, **Counsellor, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden in Belgrade**

Mr. Nikola Marković, **Journalist and Project Coordinator, News portal Južne vesti**

Mr. Dragomir Pop-Mitić, **Coordinator, President of the Board, Užice Center for Human Rights and Democracy**

Mr. Nikola Božić, **Member of the Board, Young Researchers of Serbia**

Ms. Vanja Macanović, **Coordinator, Autonomous Women's Center**

Ms. Jelena Vasić, **Journalist, Crime and Corruption Reporting Network (KRIK)**

**Moderator:** Ms. Ana Stevanović Zdravev, **Belgrade Open School**

**Session Description:** Civil society organizations and media take important role in the EU Accession Process of the Western Balkans. As stated in the latest Enlargement Strategy and Country Reports 2018, civil society remains to be firmly set as one of the pillars of democracy. A working democracy is a political requirement to join the European Union and a vibrant civil society is perceived as a precondition for implementation of the required political, economic and social transformation of the candidate country.

This session will discuss efforts and results that civil society and media in the Western Balkans make in order to monitor and influence vital policy transformation of the country in the EU integration process.

### 10.30-10.45 **Coffee Break**

### 10.45-12.00 **Parallel Sessions** **SESSION 1, Mykonos Hall** **Connectivity or Enlargement**

Mr. Dejan Lasica, **General Manager, South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO)**

Ms. Tanja Mišćević, **Head of the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union**

Ms. Dragica Martinović Džamonja, **Director of the Representative Office of the Croatian Chamber of Economy in Brussels**

Ms. Malinka Ristevska Jordanova, **Member of Managing Board, The European Policy Institute Skopje**

**Moderator:** Ms. Jelena Babić, **Belgrade Open School**

**Session Description:** The EU and the Western Balkans attempted to put an end to years of long-distance diplomacy and distrust with their first summit in 15 years - and commitments to get closer to each other. The EU-Western Balkans summit in May in Sofia ended with pledges of European support for the region's infrastructure and much talk of 'connectivity' - but words like 'integration' and 'enlargement' were notably absent from the declaration. The final document, signed by the 28 EU leaders and endorsed by their six Balkan partners pointed in the direction of security, digital economy and investment.

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10.45-12.00 **Parallel Sessions**

SESSION 2, Rhodes Hall

### Reshaping Youth Employability Policies in Western Balkans

Mr. Jovan Protić, **National Coordinator for Serbia, International Labour Organization**

Mr. Mladen Frckovski, **Adviser at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of FYR Macedonia**

Ms. Natalija Pešić, **Head of HR, VIP Mobile**

Ms. Aleksandra Đurović, **Researcher, Belgrade Open School**

**Moderator:** Ms. Jelena Manić Radoičić, **Belgrade Open School**

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**Session Description:** Socio-economic development remains a key reform area intertwined with the EU accession process of WB countries. Despite some improvements in the statistics, youth unemployment still presents a challenge that provokes many responses from different levels: EU level, level of international organizations, governments, businesses and civil society organizations. Employability boosting measures, such as youth guarantee, work based or dual programs, career guidance and counselling, etc. have proven effects. At the same time, vivid discussions have been rightfully opened to address numerous challenges, especially regarding the quality standards. At the moment when the EU countries struggle to assure the adequacy of employability related policies, the question on the best move for Western Balkan region remains open.

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12.00-12.30 **Coffee Break**

12.30-13.45 **Parallel Sessions**

SESSION 3, Mykonos Hall

### Fundamentals First

Mr. Martijn Quinn, **Deputy Head of Unit, Interinstitutional, international coordination – Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers**

Ms. Marina Škrabalo, **Member, Western Balkans Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee**

Mr. Milan Antonijević, **Director, Lawyers' Committee For Human Rights YUCOM**

Ms. Sanja Nikolin, **Member of the Women's Platform for Development of Serbia**

**Moderator:** Mr. Vladimir Pavlović, **Belgrade Open School**

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**Session Description:** In the accession process of the Western Balkans, the EU Commission puts an emphasis on the approach "fundamental firsts," meaning that those areas of reform that are both crucial and difficult are supposed to get defined and tackled at an early state of the enlargement negotiations. Core issues of the rule of law, fundamental rights, strengthening democratic institutions, including public administration reform, as well as economic development and competitiveness remain key priorities.

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### 12.30-13.45 Parallel Sessions

SESSION 4, Rhodes Hall

#### Good Energy in EU Accession, from Local to Regional Level: How do We Get There?

Ms. Jasmina Trhulj, **Head of Electricity Unit, Energy Community**

Ms. Ingrid Sager, **Policy Officer for Serbia, European Commission, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations**

Mr. Dragoljub Damljanović, **Energy & Field Services VP SEE, Schneider Electric Company**

Mr. Aleksandar Macura, **Network of Good Energy**

**Moderator:** Ms. Mirjana Jovanović, **Belgrade Open School**

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**Session Description:** Sustainable, secure, transparent and carbon neutral energy systems are the prerequisite of all Western Balkans Countries on their way to EU membership. All countries will need to improve their governance for energy efficiency and increase share of renewables, implement smart support measures improving sustainability of energy systems and foster climate action and transparency of sustainable energy markets. At the same time, energy demands are expected to grow as well as effects of energy systems on public health, environment and climate. On the other side, EU energy and climate policy is continuously improving and setting higher targets for WB6. All these aspects need to be incorporated in transformation of WB6 energy policies. How can they do that, do the local or national governments have the main role in the process, what is the role of civil society, business sector, EU institutions, and Energy Community?

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### 13.45-14.15 Closing Speeches

Connectivity or Enlargement

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Mr. Stevan Vujasinović, **Southeast Europe Communications Manager at Climate Action Network Europe**

Ms. Ivona Simić, **HR Expert & Counsellor at the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia**

### 14.15-14.30 Closing Speech from BOS Representative

Mr. Milorad Bjeletić, **Executive Director, Belgrade Open School**

### 14.30-16.00 Lunch