

<b>BUDAPEST BALKANS FORUM</b>			
<b>February 24, Thursday</b> (Venue: Budapest Hotel Marriott)			
18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Dinner		
20:00 – 22:00	Night Owl Session <b>Lessons learned from the V4 experience: How can it be useful for the Western Balkans?</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tomáš Strážay, Director of Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association</li> <li>• Marcin Przydacz, Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (tbc)</li> <li>• Volkmar Klein, Member of the German Bundestag of the CDU/CSU Group (tbc)</li> <li>• Petr Mareš, Executive Director of the International Visegrad Fund</li> <li>• Kristóf Altusz, Foreign Policy Advisor of the Prime Minister of Hungary</li> </ul> <b>Moderated by</b> Tamás Péter Baranyi, Deputy Director of Strategy of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade.		
<b>February 25, Friday</b> (Venue: Budapest Hotel Marriott, Mezzanine level)			
08:30 – 09:30	Registration		
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Michael Winzer</b> Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung <b>Márton Ugrósdy</b> Director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade		
09:40 – 10:00	<b>Opening keynote speech</b> <b>Ambassador Olivér Várhelyi</b> European Commissioner for EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy (tbc)		
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Panel 1</b>		
	<b>A look at Western European countries' stances on enlargement</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doris Pack, President of the Robert Schuman Institute</li> <li>• Wouter Zweers, Research Fellow of the Clingendael Institute</li> <li>• Nicolas Faye, Head of the Balkan Europe Department from the Continental Europe Directorate of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France</li> <li>• Kristian L. Nielsen, Assistant professor of the International University of Sarajevo</li> <li>• Stefano Bianchini, Professor of East European Politics and History of the University of Bologna</li> </ul> <b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florent Marciacq, Deputy Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe</li> <li>• Alexis Troude, Researcher of Geopolitics of the Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University</li> </ul> <b>Moderated by</b> Julianna Ármás, Research Fellow of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade.	<b>The Western Balkans' economic potential: an untapped potential?</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branimir Jovanović, Economist of The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies</li> <li>• Dženita Šiljak, Associate Research Fellow of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade</li> <li>• Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes, Head of the KAS office in Serbia, Montenegro</li> <li>• Attila Galambos, President of the Western Balkans Committee of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• Joan Hoey, Regional Director (Europe) at the Economist Intelligence Unit</li> </ul> <b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toru Suehiro, General Director of JETRO Budapest</li> <li>• Anthony B. Kim, Research Fellow in Economic Freedom of The Heritage Foundation</li> </ul> <b>Moderated by</b> Viktóra Endrődi-Kovács, Assistant professor of the Corvinus University of Budapest.	<b>Belgrade-Pristina dialogue: is it feasible to reach a consensus on the ultimate goal?</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leon Malazogu, Executive Director of the Democracy for Development Institute</li> <li>• Naim Rashiti, Founder and Executive Director of the Balkans Policy Research Group</li> <li>• Dimitrije Milić, Program Director of the Novi Treći Put</li> <li>• Dušan Janjić, Director of the Forum for Ethnic Relations</li> </ul> <b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Cameron Cliff, Former Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Kosovo and Croatia</li> <li>• Shkëlzen Gashi, Historian, Republic of Kosovo (tbc)</li> </ul> <b>Moderated by</b> Ferenc Németh, Research Fellow of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade.
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Lunch break</b>		
12:30 – 13:15	<b>High Level Panel</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Schmidt, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Miroslav Lajčák, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade – Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues</li> <li>• Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach, Special Envoy to the Western Balkans of the United Kingdom</li> </ul> <b>Moderated by</b> Stefan Lehne, Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe.		
13:15 – 14:45	<b>Panel 2</b>		
	<b>Haven't we already met every condition? A look at the Western Balkans' position on enlargement</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dragan Tilev, State Counselor for EU Affairs from the Government of North Macedonia</li> </ul>	<b>Green is the wor(l)d: realities of green transition</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• László Örlős, Managing Director of the Western Balkans Green Centre</li> <li>• Tobias Rüttershoff, Head of the KAS office in Albania</li> <li>• Denis Ziško, Energy and Climate Change Programme Coordinator,</li> </ul>	<b>The spirit versus the letter of the agreement: interpretations and misinterpretations of the Dayton Peace Accords</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selmo Cikotić, Minister of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Srđan Majstorović, Chairman of the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre</li> <li>• Tatjana Anđelić, Diplomat in the Mission of Montenegro in the European Union responsible for Chapter 23</li> <li>• Ardian Hackaj, Director of Research at Cooperation and Development Institute</li> <li>• Donika Emini, Executive Director of Civikos Platform, Kosovo</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bojan Elek, Deputy Director of the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by</b> Zoltán Egeresi, Research Fellow of the Institute for Strategic and Defense Studies</p>	<p>Center for Ecology and Energy Tuzla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• László Mátyás, Managing Director of ENVECON Environmental and Project Planning Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vladimir Pecić, Office Manager of the HEPA Regional Office Balkan – Belgrade</li> <li>• Pece Branov, Trade Coordinator of the HEPA Regional Office Balkan – Skopje</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by</b> Imre Nagy, Professor at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of the University of Novi Sad.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josip Brkić, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Ana Trišić-Babić, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Advisor to the Serbian member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Péter Sztáray, Secretary of State for Security Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miloš Šolaja, Professor, University of Banja Luka</li> <li>• Senada Šelo Šabić, Senior Scientific Associate of the Institute for Development and International Relations</li> <li>• Vedran Džihic, Senior Researcher of the Österreichisches Institut für Internationale Politik</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by</b> Péter Dobrowiecki, Project Manager for Research at the German-Hungarian Institute of the Mathias Corvinus Collegium.</p>
14:45 – 15:15	<b>Coffee break and settling into the large conference room</b>		
15:15 – 16:05	<p><b>High Level Panel (tbc)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Péter Szijjártó</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary</li> <li>• <b>The Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP</b> Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>H. E. Mr. Jan Lipavský</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic</li> <li>• <b>H. E. Prof. Zbigniew Rau</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland</li> <li>• <b>H. E. Ivan Korčok</b> Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by</b> Márton Ugródsy, Director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p>		
16:05 – 16:15	<b>Technical break</b>		
16:15 – 17:45	<b>Panel 3</b>		
	<p><b>External powers in the Western Balkans</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hüseyin Bağcı, Professor, Middle East Technical University</li> <li>• Ebtesam Al-Ketbi, President of the Emirates Policy Center</li> <li>• Maja Piščević, Nonresident Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council</li> <li>• Maxim Samorukov, Fellow of the Carnegie Moscow Center</li> <li>• Vuk Vuksanović, Researcher at Belgrade Centre for Security Policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volkmar Klein, Member of the German Bundestag of the CDU/CSU Group (tbc)</li> <li>• Walter Glos, Head of the KAS office in Turkey</li> <li>• Heinrich Kreft, Holder of the Chair of Diplomacy II and Head of the Centre for Diplomacy at the Andrassy University Budapest</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by</b> Péter Reményi, Associate Professor from the University of Pécs.</p>	<p><b>Boosting tourism after the pandemic</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eszter Uzoni, Head of PR and International Communication of the Hungarian Tourism Agency</li> <li>• Ante Grbeša, Managing Director of the FlixBus CEE South</li> <li>• Marija Labović, Acting Director, National Tourism Organisation of Serbia</li> <li>• tbd, Albanian National Tourism Agency</li> <li>• Milica Delević, Director for Governance and Political Affairs at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranko Jovović, General Manager of HEPA Regional Office Balkan – Podgorica</li> <li>• Ingrid Sieder, Founder and Managing Director, Sieder TourismStrategies</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by</b> János Csapó, University Professor from the University of Pécs.</p>	<p><b>Identity policy versus EU Enlargement: which one will take precedence over the other? The case of Bulgaria and North Macedonia</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nikola Dimitrov, Former Foreign and Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration of North Macedonia</li> <li>• Zoran Nechev, Head of the Center for EU integration/Senior Researcher at Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis – Skopje</li> <li>• Jeliasko Radoukov, State Expert of the Southeast Europe Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)</li> <li>• Plamen Ralchev, Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations, University of National and World Economy</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marianne Berez, Deputy High Representative, Regional Office of the High Representative in Banja Luka</li> <li>• Darko Angelov, Former Ambassador of North Macedonia to Hungary and Greece</li> </ul>

			<b>Moderated by</b> András Braun, Assistant Program Officer of the International Republican Institute.
17:50 – 18:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Michael Winzer</b> Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung <b>Márton Ugródy</b> Director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade		