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INVITATION

EU Integration Series

EU policies on the question of Roma integration and the accession process of the Western Balkans

23 July 2020, 11:00-12:30, Zoom Platform

In framework of the project “**Deliberating socio-economic impact of EU Integration- Albania and shared regional experiences**” being implemented by European Movement in Albania (EMA) in partnership with ELIAMEP and with the financial support of European Union, we are glad to invite you in the webinar that will be organized on **23 July 2020, 11:00-12:30** with this topic:

- **EU policies on the question of Roma integration and the accession process of the Western Balkans** - Main speaker: **Dr. Yorgos Christidis** - **23 July 2020, 11:00-12:30**

Dr. Yorgos Christidis Yorgos Christidis is an Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics in the Balkans, at the Department of Balkan, Slavonic and Oriental Studies, at the University of Macedonia (Greece), and a visiting Professor at the University of Sofia. He has studied politics and international relations at Panteion University in Athens, Greece (1991), while he also holds an MA in Middle Eastern Politics (1993) and PhD in Politics (1998) from Exeter University (UK). His research interests include contemporary political history of the Balkan states, minority issues and international relations in southeastern Europe. He has publications in Greece, UK, Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Serbia.

These online activities are gathering various representatives from public institutions in local and central level, universities and academic institutions, national and local CSOs and media to discuss on costs and benefits of the process of European Integration and will increase the interest and information of about this process. **A series of online activities (12 in total)** are being organized throughout **July 2020** (every **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**), while an added value is the contribution of experts and academics from Greece and Bulgaria. After the completion of the series of activities Online Certificates will be distributed to participants indicating the list of activities, they have been part.

To be part of the Series of EU Integration we invite you to register at the link here:

<https://forms.gle/5GMWZpyN5Lz1CopA6>



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- 10:50-11:00** **Registration of Participants, rules of online communication for the session**
- 11:00-11:05** **Opening Speeches**
Gledis Gjipali, Executive Director of European Movement in Albania
- 11:05-11:45** **EU policies on the question of Roma integration and the accession process
of the Western Balkans**
Dr. Yorgos Christidis, Associate Professor of Comparative Politics in the
Balkans, at the Department of Balkan, Slavonic and Oriental Studies, at the
University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, and a Research Fellow
- 11:45-12:10** **Open discussion with participants**
- 12:10-12:20** **Presentation of Findings and Conclusions of the Policy Study on Bulgaria's
and Romania EU Accession process: Lessons to be learned**
Author: Dr. Dimitar Bechev
Nirvana Deliu, Researcher, European Movement in Albania
- 12:20-12:30** **Open discussion with participants**

The activity will be moderated by *Anita Lushi*, Researcher AIEN