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# Reaching out to the Balkans in times of crisis

## Programme

*Athens, 12-14 November 2010*

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## Friday 12 November 2010

Arrival of participants – Hotel check in (Civitel Olympic hotel [www.civitel.gr/www.civitel.eu](http://www.civitel.gr/www.civitel.eu))

17:30 Conference Registration – Welcoming Coffee

17:45-20:00 **An overview of outstanding Issues in the Balkans**  
*Albanians and their Neighbors, Kosovo: What dynamics after the ICJ decision in the Kosovo-Serb relations? Implications for the region - Risks and opportunities of a unified Bosnia - Athens and Skopje 15 years after the signing of the Interim Accord*

Chair: Ambassador (ret.) Alexandros **Mallias**, Special Advisor, ELIAMEP, Athens

Speakers: Prof. Ljubomir **Frckoski**, Faculty of Law, St. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje  
Mr. Ylber **Hysa**, Government Coordinator for the North, Prishtina  
Mr. Oliver **Ivanovic**, State Secretary, Ministry for Kosovo and Metohija, Mitrovica  
Mr. Vladimir **Todoric**, Executive Director, Center for New Policy; Member of the Foreign Policy Council of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Belgrade

20:30 Welcome Dinner

## Saturday 13 November 2010

09:30-11:30 **Confronting the economic crisis in the Balkans**  
*What is the state of play in 2010 and outlook for 2011?*  
*How does the economic crisis challenge current policies and economic priorities?*  
*Is the policy mix advocated by the international community adequate?*  
*Consequences of the Greek crisis for the region*

Chair: Ms. Hedvig **Morvai-Horvat**, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans, Belgrade

Speakers: Dr. Jens **Bastian**, Visiting Fellow for Southeast Europe, St Antony's College, Oxford; Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP, Athens  
Dr. Vladimir **Gligorov**, The Vienna Institute of International Economic Studies, Lecturer, University of Vienna

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-14:00 **The role of external actors in the region**

Chair: Ms. Nida **Gelazis**, Senior Associate, European Studies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington

Speakers: Dr. Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, Expert on the Balkans; Associate Professor, Bucharest State University  
Mr. Rob **Benjamin**, Senior Associate and Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe, National Democratic Institute, Washington  
Dr. Beata **Huszka**, Assistant Professor, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE); Researcher, Public Foundation for Comparative European Minority Research, Budapest

14:00-15:30 Lunch

15:30–18:00 **Concluding Panel: The European Perspective of the Western Balkans in 2014**

*Taking stock of the EU integration process in the Western Balkans*  
*The Greek proposal for an Agenda 2014 for the Balkans*  
*Is the economic crisis affecting the region's EU integration perspective?*  
*Has the EU capacity for integration diminished and how has it been affected by recent developments?*

Chair: Ms. Maria **Logotheti**, Special Secretary for the Development of International Programs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Speakers: Dr. Othon **Anastasakis**, Director, SEESOX, Oxford University  
Mr. Gerald **Knaus**, Chairman, European Stability Initiative, (ESI), Istanbul  
Mr. George **Spanos**, Expert, A3 Department for South East Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens  
Dr. Alexandros **Yannis**, Member of the Cabinet of Catherine Ashton, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission, Brussels

20:00 Farewell Dinner

<b>Sunday 14 November 2010</b>
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Departure of participants