

# WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKIYE EU CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM 2024

11-13 JUNE 2024, HOTEL MONA PLAZA, BELGRADE, SERBIA



<b>DAY 1: TUESDAY 11 JUNE (live only)</b>	
13:00 – 17:00	Arrival of participants
17:00 – 18:00	Registration of participants
18:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Cocktail reception, welcome speeches and keynote speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU Ambassador to Serbia, H.E. Emanuele Giaufret</li> <li>- Ivan Bošnjak, State Secretary at the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue at the Government of the Republic of Serbia</li> <li>- President of European Association for Local Democracy, Member of Council for Cooperation with Civil Society, Member of European Economic and Social Committee; Ms. Nataša Vučković</li> </ul> <p>Keynote speech – Civil Society and the Fight for democracy Ms. Bojana Selaković, National Convention on the EU, Serbia</p> <p>Standing buffet</p>
<b>DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE (live and online)</b>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants and networking coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day – Plenary
09:15 – 10:15	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p>The EU and civil society in the Western Balkans and Türkiye – implications of the new Reform and Growth Facility and other EU policy initiatives.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Nicola Bertolini, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Serbia</li> <li>- Ms. Milena Mihajlović, Programme Director, European Policy Centre, Serbia</li> <li>- Ms. Odeta Barbullushi, Advisor to Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania (online)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Aida Daguda, Director, Centre for Promotion of Civil Society, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
10:15 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Breakout Groups</b></p> <p>What are the implications of the new momentum for accession, and what is the role of civil society?</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p>Launch of the 2023 Assessment against the Guidelines and Findings for the Enabling Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the assessment process, methodology and key findings – Ms. Snježana Bokulić, Senior Expert, EU TACSO 3</li> </ul> <p>Panel and Plenary Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Daniele Aloisi, Programme Manager, Civil Society, D5, DG NEAR</li> <li>- Ms. Simona Mladenovska, Policy and Advocacy Officer, Balkan Civil Society Development Network</li> <li>- Ms. Snježana Bokulić, Senior Expert, EU TACSO 3</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Richard Allen, Team Leader, EU TACSO 3</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Break



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<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Breakout groups</b> 4 Breakout groups - How to counter threats to civic space? – - How to improve the models of government – civil society cooperation? - What more can civil society do to strengthen the sector from within? - How can civil society and donors encourage CSOs to build stronger relations and engagement with their constituencies?
<b>18:00 – 20:00</b>	Guided walking tour in Belgrade (optional)
<b>20:00 – 22:00</b>	Evening event – buffet dinner – Mona Plaza hotel

**DAY 3: THURSDAY 13 JUNE (live only)**

<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	Registration of participants and networking coffee
<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Plenary session: Introduction to the day</b> Moderator: Mr. Richard Allen, Team Leader, EU TACSO 3
<b>09:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>World Café</b> Each session lasts 25 minutes. After 25 minutes, all participants move to another table of their interest. There are 6 sessions in total, meaning participants can engage in up to 6 topics
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	Break and check out
<b>11:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>World Café continues</b>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Key messages and closing speeches</b> Reporting from World Café and breakout sessions – key messages by rapporteurs  Closing of the event - Mr. Boris Milićević, Assistant Minister for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue, Government of the Republic of Serbia - Mr. Nicola Bertolini, EU Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Serbia - Mr. Richard Allen, Team Leader, EU TACSO 3
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	Lunch
<b>15:00</b>	Departures per individual schedules

For photos, list of participants, and presentations, go to [www.tacso.eu](http://www.tacso.eu)