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**ANETREC CONCLUDING CONFERENCE
EU POLICY TOWARDS WESTERN BALKANS WITH EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL
COOPERATION, BASED ON RECONCILIATION – RESULTS AND CHALLENGES**

Maribor, 11-12 September 2023
Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, Mladinska ulica 9

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 10 September 2023

Arrival of participants to Maribor and accommodation in Hotel Orel or BB hotel.

Monday, 11 September 2023

9.30-10.00 Registration of participants

Chair:

Professor Emeritus Dr Silvo Devetak, Coordinator of the ANETREC project,
President of ISCOMET Institute, Maribor, Slovenia

10.00-10.30 OPENING ADDRESSES

- **Mr Oliver Varhelyi**, Commissioner, Neighbourhood and Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels
- **Professor Dr Zdravko Kačič**, Rector, University of Maribor
- **Professor Dr Tomaž Keresteš**, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Maribor

**I. CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE EU POLICY TOWARDS WESTERN
BALKANS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL
AND SECURITY CIRCUMSTANCES**

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project, President of ISCOMET Institute, Maribor, Slovenia

10.30-11.00 **Professor Emeritus Dr Silvo Devetak**, Coordinator of the ANETREC
project, President of ISCOMET Institute, Maribor, Slovenia:

*The contribution of ANETREC project to the realisation of the EU policy towards the
Western Balkans in the present entangled international circumstances*

11.00-11.20 **Dr Ezio Benedetti**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional
Studies, Maribor, Slovenia:

The current EU policy towards the Western Balkans – achievements and challenges

11.20-11.40 **Assoc. Professor Dr Đana Luša, Assoc. Professor Dr Ružica Jakešević, Professor Dr Siniša Tatalović**, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia:

Perspectives of EU enlargement to Western Balkans in changed security environment

11.40-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-12.20 **Assoc. Professor Dr Elena Tilovska Kechegi**, Faculty of Law, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bitola, North Macedonia:

Importance of peaceful and stable WB for the security and stability of Europe in the current international circumstances

12.20-12.40 **Nina Kodelja**, Deputy Secretary General of the Central European Initiative, Trieste, Italy:

Regional cooperation in the Western Balkans and Eastern Europe – the role and mandate of the Central European Initiative (CEI)

12.40-13.40 Lunch

13.40-14.00 **Assoc. Professor Dr Goran Ilik**, Faculty of Law, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bitola, North Macedonia:

China's influence in the WB: moving from economic interests with multilevel strategy towards multifaceted policies

14.00-14.20 **Professor Mark Kramer**, Director, Cold War Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA:

The impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on the Western Balkans

14.20-14.40 **Dr Ognjen Prebičević**, Former Ambassador of Serbia to Germany and UK, Head of the Centre for Political Research and Public Opinion, Institute for Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia:

Serbia and Western Balkan - between East and West after the War in Ukraine

14.40-15.00 **Todor Lakić, M.A.** Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro:

The subject of foreign, security and defence policy in the negotiations between Montenegro and Serbia with the European Union: perspectives and challenges

15.00-15.20 **Professor Dr Sergei Glebov**, Odessa Mechnikov National University, Odessa, Ukraine:

The role of "three seas cooperation" in the future European security and cooperation system

15.20-15.40 Coffee break

15.40-16.00 **Assoc. Professor Dr Georgiana Ciceo**, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolya University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania:

The positive consequences and problems regarding the membership of Romania in the EU

16.00-16.20 **Professor Dr Nadia Boyadjieva**, Faculty of Law, Plovdiv University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria:

Achievements and dilemmas in the European integration process of Bulgaria

16.20-16.40 **Professor Dr Gyöngyvér Hervainé Szabó**, Kodolanyi Janos University, Budapest, Hungary:

The role of Western Balkans in the new European order- The view from Hungary

16.40-17.00 **Professor Dr Simon János**, National University of Public Service, Editor-in-chief of CEPoliti Review, Budapest, Hungary:

The necessity to spread information on the ANETREC project as an important event for the future of our region.

Tuesday, 12 September 2023

II. RESPECT OF OTHERNESS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AS ONE OF PRECONDITIONS FOR STABILITY AND DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS OF WESTERN BALKANS SOCIETIES AND A REGION AS A WHOLE

Chair: Assoc. Professor Dr Goran Ilik, Faculty of Law, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bitola, North Macedonia

9.30-9.50 **Prof. Dr Matjaž Tratnik**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Maribor and Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, Slovenia:

Nationality Discrimination in International and EU Law

9.50-10.10 **Professor Dr Goran Bašić**, Director, Institute for Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia:

Multiculturalism in Western Balkans' countries – situation and challenges

10.10-10.30 **Professor Dr Iliriana Islami**, Faculty of Law, University of Prishtinë/Prishtina, Kosovo:

Reconciliation and education in the Western Balkans

10.30-10.50 **Professor Dr Remzije Istrefi**, Faculty of Law, University of Prishtinë/Prishtina, Kosovo:

Peacebuilding and Education

10.50-11.10 Coffee break

11.10-11.30 **Professor Dr Sonja Novak Lukanovič**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Maribor and Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia:
Respect of language diversity as a mean of stability and good neighbourhood relations of Western Balkans countries

11.30-11.50 **Dr Marko Jovanović**, Institute for Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia:
Multiculturalism and Islam in Europe and Western Balkans

11.50-12.10 **Ass. Jan Stajnko, Ass. Melanija Lango**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Maribor and Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, Slovenia:
Ways and means in fighting hate speech in Western Balkans

12.10-12.30 **Assoc. Professor Dr Oriona Muçollari, Assoc. Professor Dr Dorina Hoxha**, Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania:
The principle of equality and non-discrimination as a tool of creating stability and ensuring democratic development of Western Balkans countries as a precondition of accession to EU

12.30-12.50 **Professor Dr Jernej Letnar Černič**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Maribor and European Faculty of Law, New University, Ljubljana/Nova Gorica, Slovenia:
Business and socio-economic rights: the situation in WB

12.50-13.10 **Professor Dr Janja Hojnik**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Maribor and Faculty of Law, University of Maribor, Slovenia:
New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum – is Law Enough?"

13.10-14.10 Lunch

14.10-14.30 **Professor Dr Sarina Bakić, Assoc. Professor Dr Mirza Emirhafizović**, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina:
The major challenges and opportunities involved in processes of settlement and integration of migrants into their new societies

14.30-14.50 **Ass. Professor Dr Samir Forić**, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina:
Group identities and religion: politics, conflicts, and reconciliation in Western Balkans region

14.50-15.10 **Ass. Professor Dr Dalibor Djukić**, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia:
Religion - State relations in the frame of reconciliation

15.10-15.30 **Assoc. Professor Dr Danijela Vuković-Ćalasan**, Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro:
Ethno cultural diversity, minority rights and social cohesion in the process of EU integration of WB countries

15.30-15.50 *Coffee break*

III. CONSIDERING AND ADOPTING THE ANETREC DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE EU POLICY TOWARDS THE WESTERN BALKANS

Chair

Professor Emeritus Dr Silvo Devetak, Coordinator of the ANETREC project,
President of ISCOMET Institute, Maribor, Slovenia

15.50-16.30 **Maribor declaration on supporting the regional cooperation in the Western Balkans based on reconciliation with emphasis on Serbia-Kosovo reconciliation process**

Reporters: **Professor Dr Iliriana Islami**, Faculty of Law, University of Prishtinë/Prishtina, Kosovo, **Professor Dr Goran Bašić**, Institute for Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia and **Dr Ezio Benedetti**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Maribor, Slovenia

16.30-17.10 **Segregation in education in Bosnia and Herzegovina as an obstacle to the development of a stable multicultural society**

Reporter: **Professor Dr Sarina Bakić**, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

17.10-17.30 **Proposal for establishing the EU reference centre for Western Balkans**

17.30 **CONCLUSION OF THE ANETREC CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

Departure of participants from Maribor.

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