

**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

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 10 September 2023

Arrival of participants to Maribor

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
- **Assoc. Professor Dr Miha Šepec**, President of the Academic Council of the Faculty of Law, University of Maribor

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

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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 Coffee break

11.40-12.00 **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

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

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

12.40-13.00 **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

13.00-13.20 **Professor Dr Nadia Boyadjieva**, Faculty of Law, Plovdiv University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria:

Achievements and dilemmas in the European integration process of Bulgaria

13.20-14.20 Lunch

14.20-14.40 **Professor Dr Gyöngyvér Hervainé Szabó**, Kodolanyi Janos University, Budapest, Hungary:

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



14.40-15.00 **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

15.00-15.20 **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

15.20-15.40 Coffee break

15.40-16.00 **Professor Mark Kramer**, Director, Cold War Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA:

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

16.00-16.20 **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)

Tuesday, 12 September 2023

**RESPECT OF OTHERNESS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AS PRECONDITIONS FOR STABILITY AND DEMOCRATIC
PROGRESS OF WESTERN BALKANS SOCIETIES AND OF THE REGION**

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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 and 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 **Dr Marko Jovanović**, Institute for Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia:

Multiculturalism and Islam in Europe and Western Balkans



10.30-10.50 **Ass. Jan Stajko**, 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

10.50-11.10 Coffee break

11.10-11.30 **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

11.30-11.50 **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

11.50-12.10 **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?”

12.10-12.30 **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

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-13.50 **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

13.50-14.10 **Ass. Professor Dr Dalibor Djukić**, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia:
Religion - State relations in the frame of reconciliation

14.10-14.30 **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



14.30-14.50 *Coffee break*

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

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14.50-16.50 **Maribor Declaration: Promoting reconciliation and regional
cooperation in the Western Balkans as essential preconditions for the effective
European integration of the region**

Reporters: **Dr Ezio Benedetti**, ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies,
Maribor, Slovenia and **Professor Dr Sarina Bakić**, Faculty of Political Sciences,
University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

16.50 **CONCLUSION OF THE ANETREC CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, 13 September 2023

Departure of participants from Maribor.

