

NewsLetter

Academic network supporting EU policies towards Western Balkans with emphasis on regional cooperation based on reconciliation



ANETREC project concluding conference: EU POLICY TOWARDS WESTERN BALKANS WITH EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION, BASED ON RECONCILIATION – RESULTS AND CHALLENGES.

The concluding conference of the ANETREC project which took place on 11-12 September 2023 in Maribor, Slovenia, brought together professors and researchers from all of the Western Balkan countries, as well as from universities in Ukraine and the USA, and from EU member states - Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. The debate was introduced by the EU Commissioner for Enlargement, Oliver Varhelyi. The two-day debate aimed to deepen the topics that have been the subject of numerous meetings and discussions over the last four project years. In this context, the participants sought to answer the following two questions:

1. What should be the complementary policy of the EU in supporting of reconciliation and regional cooperation as a basis for an accelerated and successfully concluded integration process?

2. How can the academic sector positively influence the reconciliation process in Western Balkans region?

Participants have at the end adopted:

MARIBOR DECLARATION - PROMOTING RECONCILIATION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AS ESSENTIAL PRECONDITIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF THE REGION.

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