

“Security Transitions in the Western Balkans: From Conflict Zone to Security Community?”

AGENDA

10:00-10:10 *Opening remarks*, Ms. Sonja Zuber, Analytica Think Tank

10:10 – 11:30 *Panel 1 – IS POLICE COOPERATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS A SUCCESS STORY?*

- **Dr. Cvete Koneska**, Senior Research Fellow, Analytica Think Tank, Skopje
- **Ms. Sonja Stojanovic Gajić**, Director of the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, Belgrade
- **Dr. Sandro Knezović**, Research Fellow, Department for International Economic and Political Relations, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb
- **Ms. Donika Emini**, Research Fellow, Kosovo Centre for Security Studies, Pristina
- **Ms. Dženita Brčvak**, Research Fellow, Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, Podgorica

Moderator: **Andreja Bogdanovski**

Discussion topics:

- Whether the Western Balkans has reached a state of a security community? Could we expect continuation of peaceful solution to disputes among states from the region?
- What’s the role of security professions in building such a community? How police officers, soldiers, diplomats and academics you interviewed assess the progress of security community in the Western Balkans? Have we reached the point of no return to inter-state conflicts?
- What are the driving forces of building such a community and what are the biggest obstacles? Is it lack of trust or maybe human and administrative capacities? What is the biggest success in regional security cooperation?
- Does the process of Euro-Atlantics integration strengthen regional security research?

11: 30 – 11: 45 *Coffee break*

11:45 – 13:00 *Panel 2 – WHETHER DIPLOMATS, SOLDIERS AND ACADEMICS SEE REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION DIFFERENTLY?*

- **Mr. Arjan Dyrmishi**, Head of the European and Security Affairs Department, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Tirana
- **Mr. Denis Hadžović**, General Secretary, Centre for Security Studies, Sarajevo
- **Dr. Filip Ejđus**, Assistant Professor in the Security Studies at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Belgrade

Moderator: **Dr. Cvete Koneska**

13:00 – 14:00 *Buffet lunch*