

International Conference on

**“Deepening the democratization of the region  
as criteria for peace and stability in the Western Balkans”**

10th of November 2011  
Hotel Tirana International, Balsha Room  
Tirane, Albania

**Draft – Agenda**

**9.00 am**

**Registration**

9.30 am

Welcoming remarks, **Mr. Michael Weichert**,  
Director of Friedrich-Ebert, Tirana Office /**Mr. Agim Nesho**, ACFR President  
- Keynote speaker **H .E. Mr. Edmond Haxhinasto**,  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign  
Affairs of the Republic of Albania  
- **Mr. Tomicah Tillemann**, Senior Advisor to the  
Secretary of State for Civil Society and Emerging  
Democracies, US Department of State

➤ First panel session - Democratization  
as criteria for regional integration

- Democratization and European  
integration of Western Balkans

*Panel Chair – Prof. Bronislaw Misztal, Executive  
Director, Community of Democracies*

- **H. E. Mr. Milan Roćen**, Minister of Foreign  
Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro  
- **H. E. Mr. Zoran Petrov**, Deputy Minister of  
Foreign Affairs of Macedonia  
- **H. E. Mr. Alexander A. Arvizu**, Ambassador of  
United States of America to Albania  
- **Mrs. Ermira Mehmeti**, MP, Macedonia  
- **Ms. Sonja Licht**, President, Belgrade Fund for  
Political Excellence  
- **Discussions**

11.15 am

**Coffee Break**

➤ 11.30 am - Second panel session -

Democratization process as criteria for peace and stability in the region

- Religion, Politics And Ethnicity Issues – Different views from the Western Balkan states

*Panel chair – Mr. Martin Weiss, Foreign Policy Advisor of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the German Bundestag*

- **H .E. Mr. Enver Hoxhaj**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Kosova
- **Dr. Mario Nobile**, State Secretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Republic of Croatia
- **Prof. Bronislaw Misztal**, Executive Director, Community of Democracies
- **Professor Paskal Milo**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania
- **Dr. Dušan Janjić**, Forum for Ethnic Relations, Belgrade
- **Ms. Engjellushe Morina**, Kosovar Stability Initiative, Prishtina
- **Mr. Srdjan Dizdarevic**, Human Rights House, Sarajevo
- **Discussions**

13.00

- **Lunch** – Hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, **H. E. Mr. Edmond Haxhinasto**

**H. E. Dr. Wolfgang Waldner**, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Austria on **“EU integration of the Western Balkans from an Austrian perspective”**

15.00

- **Third panel session - Experience of South-East Europe during transition and democratic processes /Lessons for “Arab Spring” countries**

*Panel Chair – Mr. Tim Judah, publicist, Balkans Correspondent of The Economist*

- **Mr. Kastriot Islami**, MP, Former Foreign Minister of Albania
- **Mr. Arben Malaj**, MP, Former Minister of Finance and Economy
- **Ambassador Alexandros Mallias**, Special

- Advisor to ELIAMEP, Greece
- **Mr. Dritan Abazovic**, Montenegro
  - **Discussions**

➤ **Conclusions of the Conference, Mr. Weichert, (FES) or Mr. Nesho (ACFR)**



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