



**2nd Western Balkans Civil Society Forum
Ljubljana, 4-5 June 2008**

Programme

Wednesday, 4 June

- 8.30 a.m. Registration of the participants
- 9 a.m. **Inaugural Session of the Forum**, chaired by *Mr Dimitriadis, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)*
- **Mr Dimitris Dimitriadis**, President of the EESC
 - **Mr Dimitrij Rupel**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Presidency of the EU Council (tbc)
 - **Mr Jan Trzuszczynski**, Deputy Director-General, DG Enlargement, European Commission
 - **Mr Miroslav Kukobat**, Senior Expert, Regional Cooperation Council
 - **Mr Jos Chabert**, member of the Committee of the Regions, Chairman of the Western Balkans Working Group
- 10.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11 a.m. **The relations between the European Union (EU) and the countries of the region: a state of play**
Chair: Mr Cveto Stantič, member of the EESC
- **Mr Philippe Claret**, Director, Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur les Balkans (CEREB), University Montesquieu Bordeaux IV
 - **Mr Jan Trzuszczynski**, Deputy Director-General, DG Enlargement, European Commission
 - Discussion
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2 p.m. **What role for civil society organisations in the monitoring of the implementation of the new Central European Free Trade Agreement?**
Chair: Ms Marija Hanževački, Secretary General, Independent Trade Unions of Croatia (NHS)
- **Ms Elena-Mihaela Ciudin**, bilateral coordinator for trade relations with the Western Balkans, DG Trade, European Commission
 - **Mr Filip Hamro-Drotz**, member of the EESC, President of the External Relations Section

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- **Mr Goran Papović**, Vice-President, Serbian National Consumer Organisation (NOPS)
- Discussion

3.30 p.m. Coffee break

4 p.m. **What role for civil society organisations in the monitoring of the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Energy Community?**

Chair: Mr Alexander Graf von Schwerin, vice-president of the EESC

- **Mr Miroslav Kukobat**, Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy, Regional Cooperation Council
- **Mr Zoran Pualic**, Legal Department, Serbian Employers Association (UPS)
- **Mr Edhem Biber**, Vice-President, Confederation of Trade Unions of BiH
- Discussion

6 p.m. End of the session

Thursday 5 June

9 a.m. **How to develop institutions for civil dialogue?**

Chair: Ms Daliborka Uljarević, Executive Director, Centre for Civic Education

- **Mr Lalko Dulevski**, President of the Economic and Social Council of Bulgaria
- **Mr Oriano Otocan**, member of the Governing Board, and **Ms Stanka Parac Damjanovic**, Support Partnership Manager, Association of the Local Democracy Agencies
- **Mr Igor Vidačak**, Head of the Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Government of the Republic of Croatia
- Discussion

11 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 a.m. **Possibilities for cooperation in the future**

Chair: Mr Hamro-Drotz, member of the EESC, President of the External Relations Section

- Presentation of the Forum conclusions by **Mr Miklós Barabás**, member of the EESC and President of the Western Balkans Contact Group
- Discussion

1 p.m. End of the Forum
