

The Association for Development Initiatives – Zenith in cooperation with the Rule of Law Program South East Europe of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung have the pleasure to invite you to the

Promotional Event and Panel Discussion

**Embedding rule of law in the EU enlargement process:
Lessons learnt and prospects for the western Balkan countries**

December 4, 2013 (Wednesday)

EU InfoCentre, Skopje (Sv Kiril i Metodij Street, 52-b)

PROGRAM

10:45 – 11:00 Registration of participants

11:00 – 12:00 Opening session

Welcoming remarks

- Mr. Thorsten GEISLER, *Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung – Rule of Law Program South East Europe*
- Mr. Aleksandar NIKOLOV, *Executive Director of the Association for Development Initiatives – Zenith*

Opening addresses

- H.E. Mr. Blerim BEXHETI, *Minister of Justice*
- H.E. Mr. Aivo ORAV, *Head of the EU Delegation*
- Mr. David James MCALLISTER, *Candidate for the European Parliament Elections, former Prime Minister of Lower Saxony*

12:00 – 12:15 Coffee/Networking break

12:15 – 13:00 Presentation of the comparative analysis

„Embedding rule of law in the enlargement process: A case for EU political conditionality in the accession of the western Balkan countries“

- Mr. Zoran NECHEV, *Researcher at the Association for Development Initiatives – Zenith*

- Ms. Gordana VIDOVIĆ MESAREK, *Head of Division for Coordination of Acquis Transposition and Notification, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia*
- Mr Nikola B. ŠARANOVIĆ, *First Secretary responsible for Rule of Law issues, Mission of Montenegro to the EU, Ministry of Justice of the Government of the Montenegro*
- Ms. Agneza RUSI, *Director, EU Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia*

13:00 – 13:45

Macedonian perspectives in light of the 2013 EU Enlargement Strategy

- Mr. Hajrula MISINI, *Chairman of the Committee on European Issues, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia*
- Ms. Hristina RUNCHEVA, *Deputy Member of the National Council for European Integration and the Committee on European Issues, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia*
- Ms. Teuta ARIFI, *Mayor of Tetovo, former deputy Prime Minister responsible for EU integration*
- Mr. Gordan GEORGIEV, *Member of the National Council for European Integration and the Committee on European Issues, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia*
- Mr. Ivica BOCEVSKI, *Political analyst, former deputy Prime Minister responsible for EU integration*

13:45 –13:50

Closing remarks

Mr. Aleksandar NIKOLOV, *Executive Director, Association for Development Initiatives – Zenith*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from Macedonian to Albanian and English language and vice versa.

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