

Regional Forum on Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Policies

**Countering Corruption and State Capture –
Advancing EU Accession of Western Balkan Countries**

October 3, 2024

Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Albania

Vienna+Prague Hall

08:45 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09:00 *Opening Remarks*

Zef Preci, Director of the Albanian Center for Economic Research (ACER)

Elisa Spiropali, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania

Silvio Gonzato, Head of the European Union Delegation in Albania

Altin Dumani, Head of the Special Prosecution Office (SPAK), Albania

09:30 *Session 1: Enhancing Institutional Competencies and Increasing Efficiency of State Agencies*

Adea Pirdeni, Minister of State for Public Administration and Anti-Corruption, Albania

Valentina Superti, Director, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission (online)

Jorida Tabaku, Member of Parliament of Albania, Chair of the EU Integration Committee, Albania

Dušan Drakić, Director of Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro (APC)

Altin Ademi, Program Manager, Organisation for Democracy, Anti-Corruption and Dignity (COHU), Kosovo

Yll Buleshkaj, Director, Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Kosovo

Q&A

Discussion Chair:

Brunilda Kosta, Program Manager, Albanian Center for Economic Research (ACER)

11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:45 *Session 2: Engagement of Civil Society in Mobilizing Citizens Using Modern Tools against Corruption and State Capture*

Daniela Mineva, Senior Analyst, Center for Study of Democracy, Bulgaria

Daniel Kauffman, Anti-corruption expert, Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) (online)

Biljana Karakashova Shulev, Member of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption, North Macedonia (online)

Aurora Halili, Project Coordinator, Albanian Center for Economic Research (ACER), Albania

Misha Popovikj, Head of the Centre for Good Governance, Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" (IDSCS), North Macedonia

Snezana Kamilovska Trpovska, Project Officer, Macedonian Center For International Cooperation (MCIC) North Macedonia

Mahir Poljić, Project Coordinator, Centres for Civic Initiatives (CCI), Bosnia and Herzegovina

Q&A

Discussion Chair:

Alba Çela, Executive Director and Head of the European Program at the Albanian Institute for International Studies (AISS)

13:30 *Lunch*



14:30 *Session 3: Building Public Trust in Law Enforcement Agencies in Western Balkan Countries in the Context of EU accession*

Aleksandar Maskovic, Head of Governance Department, OSCE Presence in Albania

Emilia Koliqi, Member of Parliament of Albania, Chair of the Subcommittee for Public Sector Auditing

Kristina Voko, Executive Director of Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN), Albania

Nemanja Todorović Štiplija, Executive Director, Center for Contemporary Politics (CCP), Serbia

Zdravko Veljanov, Senior Analyst, Government Transparency Institute (GTI)

Q&A

Discussion Chair:

Gjergji Vurmo, Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM), Albania

16:15 *Closing*

The working language will be English.

