6th Enlargement Day
13 July 2021 | Interactio

(All times are Central European Summer Time, CEST)

14:30 Opening Session

Dr Mark Speich (DE/EPP), Secretary of State for Federal, European and International Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia, Chair of the CoR Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX)

Amb. Iztok Jarc, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the EU

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Moderated by Nenad Šebek, independent journalist and communication expert, Belgrade

Keynote speech by Erwan Fouéré, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS):
Is the EU Enlargement agenda fit for purpose?

Panellists:

Dr Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
Wolfgang Nozar, Deputy Head of Unit, Enlargement Strategy, DG NEAR
Milena Lazarević, Programme Director, European Policy Centre (EPC), Belgrade
Antonio Ratković, first Vice-President of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS), Mayor of the City of Sombor, Serbia

Statements:
Franz Schausberger (AT/EPP), co-chair of the JCC Serbia
Roberto Ciambetti (IT/ECR), co-chair of the JCC Montenegro
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15:45 Break

16:00 High-level panel – Together towards a sustainable recovery in the enlargement countries

Moderated by Dr Corina Stratulat, Head of European Politics and Institutions Programme, European Policy Centre (EPC), Brussels

Panellists:

Olivér Várhelyi, EU Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Gašper Dovžan, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Nikola Dobroslavić (HR/EPP), Prefect of Dubrovnik-Neretva County, CoR rapporteur on the Enlargement Package 2020

16:45 Thematic session 2 – Green and digital transition for recovery and resilience: what cities and regions can do

Moderated by Ivana Dragičević, journalist, N1 television, Zagreb

Panellists:

Elton Stafa, Project Manager, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS)

Dragana Sotirovski (SNS), Mayor of Niš (Serbia), co-chair of the JCC Serbia

Tunç Soyer (CHP), Mayor, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality (Turkey)

Anuela Ristani, Vice Mayor of Tirana (Albania)

Satu Haapanen (FI/Greens), City councillor, Chair of the Education and Culture Board, City of Oulu, member of JCC North Macedonia and JCC Montenegro

17:30 Closing remarks

Nikola Dobroslavić (HR/EPP), Prefect of Dubrovnik-Neretva County, CoR rapporteur on the Enlargement Package 2020