

**Regional Seminar**  
**„ European Union and Western Balkans: the Basics at the Beginning “**  
**26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2015**

Durres, Albania, hotel Vila Belvedere, <http://vilabelvedere.com> , address: Shkempi i Kavajes, SH4

**DAY I- 26<sup>th</sup> of APRIL, 2015- ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS**

**DAY II-27<sup>th</sup> of APRIL, 2015**

09.30 – 10.00 **Introductory and welcome speech of the organizers**

10.00 – 11.30 **Plenary Panel: The EU accession and integration of the Western Balkans: why and how?**

Speakers: **Ksenija Milenković**, Acting Director of the European Integration Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia

**Marina Jovičević**, Assistant Minister of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dačić

**Bernd Hüttemann**, Vice-President of the European Movement International; Secretary General of the European Movement Germany

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12. 00 – 13.30 **Plenary Panel: “What do we know about EU: the mood and support of the citizens, media reporting and the responsibility of other actors”**

Speakers: **Ivana Đurić**, Assistant to the Director, European Integration Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia

**Gledis Gjipali**, Executive Director, European Movement in Albania

**Venera Hajrullahu**, Executive Director, Kosovar Civil Society Foundation

13.30 – 15.00 Parallel panels:

**1<sup>st</sup> Generation: New approach to the economic governance in the EU membership candidate countries**

Speaker: **Ana Šabić**, Croatian National Bank

**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: IPA Cross border program and programs of the EU**

Speaker: **Sanda Šimić**, Assistant to the Director, European Integration Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia

15.00 – 16.00 Lunch

16.00 – 17.30 **Plenary panel: Croatian experiences before and after the EU: from the perspective of civil society, agriculture and politics**

Speakers: **Željko Kuprešak**, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Croatia

**Ružica Gelo**, former chief negotiator of the Croatian Government in the area of agriculture with the EU

**Duje Prkut**, Researcher, GONG, Croatia

### **DAY III-28<sup>th</sup> of APRIL, 2015**

10.00 – 11.30 **Plenary panel: The experience of Montenegro in the EU accession process**

Speaker: **Aleksandar Andrija Pejović**, State Secretary for European Integration and the Chief Negotiator for Montenegro's Accession to EU

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 14.00 **Plenary panel: Regional experience in establishing the system for the implementation of EU regional policy and the use of pre-accession assistance**

Speaker: **Andrej Horvat**, The leader of the GIZ project for Support to the European integration process in Serbia

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 **Plenary panel: How Europe is changing: foreign relations, economy, growth and employment, political and institutional challenges**

Speakers: **Erhan Turbedar**, Senior Political Advisor, Regional Cooperation Council

**Demush Shasha**, Secretary – General of the Ministry of European Integration of Kosovo\*

19.00 Farewell dinner

### **DAY IV- 29<sup>th</sup> of APRIL, 2015 DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS**

*\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.*