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Conference

Visegrad Group and the Western Balkans – what is next for the two regions?

18 May 2017, EU Info Centre, Skopje
Sv Kiril i Metodij 52-b, 1000 Skopje

A g e n d a

10:45 – 11:00 Arrival and registration

11:00 – 11:10 Opening remarks

H.E. Mr Jacek Multanowski, Ambassador of Poland in Macedonia

11:10 – 12:15 Session 1: The role of the V4 cooperation in Central Europe and within the EU

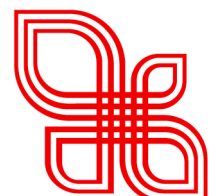
- Tomáš Strážay, Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA), Bratislava
- Mateusz Gniazdowski, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw
- Michal Kořan, Institute for International Relations (UMV), Prague

Discussion topics:

- *Differences of joint cooperation prior and after accession to the EU*
- *Resolving regional challenges. disputes and differences*
- *Current challenges of cooperation between the V4 countries*
- *What is the future of V4 cooperation?*

Moderator: Adam Eberhardt, Director OSW

12:15 – 12:30 Coffee break



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12:30 – 13:45 Session 2: V4 and the Western Balkans

Panel introduction

Magdalena Lembovska: Role of V4 countries in the migrant crisis,
case of Macedonia

- Stevo Pendarovski, Professor, University American College Skopje (UACS), Skopje
- Mateusz Seroka, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw
- Anna Orosz, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT), Budapest
- Jarosław Wiśniewski, London School of Economics (LSE), London

Discussion topics:

- *To what extent is Western Balkans a priority to the V4?*
- *How is the Western Balkans perceived among the V4 countries?*
- *How does the V4 look to the current challenges that the Western Balkans is facing?*
- *Apart from high politics, how can one assess cooperation between the two regions when it comes to economy, people to people contacts etc.*
- *What effects did the migrant crisis have on the V4-WB cooperation?*

Moderator: Sonja Risteska, Researcher and Management Coordinator, Analytica

13:45 – 14:15 Cocktail

