

International Conference

# Opportunities and Challenges of the EU Enlargement to the Western Balkans

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Programme

## **Monday, December 12**

### **2:30 p.m. Welcome addresses**

*Lucio Battistotti*, Director, Representation in Italy of the European Commission, Rome

*Ettore Greco*, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

### **3:00 p.m. First session - *Enlargement to the Western Balkan Countries: the State of Play***

Chair: *Michele Comelli*, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speaker: *Barbara Lippert*, Director of Studies, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin

Discussants: *Péter Balázs*, Director, Center for European Enlargement Studies, Central European University, Budapest

*Fernando Gentilini*, Director for Western Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

*Christophe Hillion*, Professor of European Law, University of Leiden, and Researcher in Law, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, Stockholm

*Hedvig Morvai-Horvat*, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans, Belgrade

### **4:15 p.m. Coffee break**

### **4:45 p.m. Second session - *Security Dimension of Enlargement***

Chair: *Ettore Greco*, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speaker: *Isabelle Ioannides*, Adviser, European Dialogue, Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), European Commission, Brussels

Discussants: *Emanuela C. Del Re*, University Niccolò Cusano of Rome; Chair of EPOS Intl. Mediating and Negotiating Operational Agency

*Albert Rakiqi*, Executive Director, Albanian Institute for International Studies, Tirana

*Alessandro Rotta*, Adviser on Political Affairs, European Union Special Representative in Kosovo, Pristina

### **6:00 p.m. End of the first day**

## **Tuesday, December 13**

### **9:15 a.m. Third session - *Economic Challenges and Benefits of Enlargement***

- Chair: *Gianni Bonvicini*, Executive Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- Speaker: *Vladimir Gligorov*, Economist, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW)
- Discussants: *Miograd Lekic*, Professor, Luiss University, Rome  
*Ettore Sequi*, EU Head of Delegation to Albania, Tirana  
*Besa Shahini*, Senior Analyst, European Stability Initiative (ESI), Pristina

### **11:00 a.m. Coffee break**

### **11:15 a.m. Roundtable on *Prospects of Enlargement to the Western Balkans***

- Chair: *Emilio Dalmonte*, Deputy Director, Representation in Italy of the European Commission, Rome
- Speakers: *Giuliano Amato*, Former Prime Minister of Italy and Chairman of the International Commission for the Balkans  
*Vladimir Drobnyak*, Chief Negotiator for the negotiations on the accession of Croatia to the European Union, Zagreb  
*Stefan Lehne*, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels  
*Malinka Ristevska Jordanova*, Director, European Policy Institute (EPI), Skopje  
*Stefano Sannino*, Director General, DG Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels  
*Ivan Vejvoda*, Vice President, Programs, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Washington DC

### **1:00 p.m. Concluding remarks**

- Stefano Silvestri*, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- Miroslav Lajcak*, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
- Marta Dassù*, Secretary of State, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

### **1:30 p.m. Lunch buffet**