



European integration of the Western Balkans: Montenegro on the way to the European Union

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Amphitheater AS

Hybrid panel discussion

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Even after months of coalition negotiations in the wake of parliamentary elections in June 2023, a new government has not been formed in Montenegro so far. As a member of NATO and a front-runner in the accession process to the European Union, the country's pro-European, pro-Atlantic orientation is expected to continue under the new cabinet in Podgorica. However, the question remains what kind of stability the new government brings, can a multi-party coalition withstand domestic political turbulences and face regional turmoil and tensions?

Considering the newly established political constellation in this Adriatic country and recent events in the region, the panel discussion focuses on the long-awaited European integration of the Western Balkan countries. Experts evaluate the role of Montenegro and current cross-border cooperation formats fostering the accession of the politically and geographically strategic region of South-Eastern Europe to the European Union.

Welcome Address

Nikoleta Đukanović, Vice-Dean, Assistant Professor of the Humanistic studies, University of Donja Gorica, Podgorica

Daniel Martínek, Research Associate, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)

Panel Discussion

Bojan Božović, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Government of Montenegro

Milena Bešić, Executive Director of the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, Podgorica

Predrag Zenović, Assistant Professor of the Humanistic studies, University of Donja Gorica, Podgorica

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Moderation

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Venue: Hybrid - University of Donja Gorica and Zoom Webinar/YouTube livestream.

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