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## **Back to the future? How the EU can regain relevance in the Western Balkans?**

### **A GREENS/EFA Conference**

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At the beginning of the current legislative term the Commission communicated that there will be a 5-year enlargement stop. This led to a loss of credibility of the EU's most powerful incentive for the region's transformation. Since then we witnessed more autocracy and foreign influences in the Western Balkan region. Behind this background the conference aims to assess also latest developments and ask "How the EU can regain relevance in the Western Balkans?"

#### **PROGRAMME**

**09h30 - Opening and introduction by Greens/EFA Co-Presidents**

**10h00 - (I) Values and principles of the Stabilisation and Association process**

Ms Simonida Kacarska, European Policy Institute, Skopje

Mr Erwan Fouéré, CEPS, former EUSR/HoD, Brussels

Ms Valeska Esch, Aspen Institute, Berlin

Monika Vana, MEP

Moderator: Florent Marciacq, CFA/CIFE, Vienna

**11h15 - Break**

**11h30 - (II) More credible, more enhanced? Commission Western Balkans strategy one year on**

Ms Sonja Biserko, Helsinki Committee, Belgrade

Mr Adnan Cerimagic, European Stability Initiative, Berlin

Ms Adelheid Woelfl, Der Standard, Sarajevo  
Mr Arben Hajiullah, University Prishtina, Kosovo

Moderator: Thomas Waitz, MEP

*12h45* Angelina Eichhorst, DMD EURCA/Director Western Balkans, EEAS (TBC)

**13h00 - End of conference**

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