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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 Hajrullahu, 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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