

# **Bosnian and Herzegovinian Peace Agreement turns 25: Keeping the peace and championing a liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina**



Online conference  
20 November and 14 December 2020

The Dayton Peace Agreement is turning 25 years on 21 November and 14 December 2020. We are marking this anniversary by publishing short interviews from “champions of a liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina” in advance on our social media and webpage and by organizing two events on Nov 20 and Dec 14 which will be looking at the ongoing struggle to transform the country into a liberal and prosperous democracy based on rule of law and market economy. See more on IIP fb, twitter and on our web under projects/activities WESTERN BALKANS INITIATIVE as well as under upcoming events.

The Dayton Peace Agreement is turning 25 years on 21 November (anniversary of the initialling) and 14 December 2020 (anniversary of the signature). The International Institute for Peace, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs, and the Karl-Renner-Institut (in the framework of the Initiative *Young Generations for the New WB 2030*) are marking this anniversary by organising an event that is looking at the anniversary and the agreement beyond the important fact that it brought a much-needed peace to Bosnia and Herzegovina. It addresses the ongoing struggle to transform the country into a liberal and prosperous democracy based on rule of law and market economy.

## **Friday, 20 November 2020**

### **Part I: The way to a liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina**

#### **16:00 – 16:10 Introduction and welcome**

**Stephanie Fenkart**, Director of IIP Vienna

#### **16:10 – 16:30 Who is championing a liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina?**

*Pre-filmed videos (15 minutes)*

**Ajla Borozan**, Program Director, Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), Sarajevo

**Lejla Kusturica**, Director, Foundation Atelje za društvene promjene, Sarajevo

**Tihomir Dakić**, Coordinator, Centre for Environment (CZŽS), Banja Luka

**Emina Bošnjak**, Executive Director, Sarajevo Open Centre (SOC), Sarajevo  
**Leila Bičakčić**, Executive Director, Centre for Investigative Reporting (CIN), Sarajevo  
**Ilija Tninić**, Executive Director, Perpetuum Mobile, Banja Luka  
**Amila Karačić**, Deputy Program Director, International Republican Institute (IRI), Sarajevo  
**Irma Baralija**, Vice President, Naša stranka party, Mostar

**16:30 – 17:30**      **Do Bosnians and Herzegovinians want a liberal, democratic and prosperous country?**

**Randall Puljek-Shank**, Program Advisor, PeaceNexus Foundation  
**Alida Vračić**, Executive Director, Popolari Think Tank, Vienna  
**Vedran Džihic** Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna  
**Samir Beharić**, Board Member of the Western Balkans Alumni Association, Jajce

Moderator: **Adi Ćerimagić.**, Analyst, European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin

**Format:**              **via zoom**

**Monday, 14 December 2020**

**Part II: The role of the EU for a liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**16:00 – 16:10**      **Introduction and welcome**

**Stephanie Fenkart**, Director of IIP Vienna

**16:10 – 16:30**      **What do champions of liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina need from the EU?**

*Pre-filmed videos*

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**16:30 – 17:30**      **What can the EU offer to champions of a liberal, democratic and prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina?**

**Johann Sattler**, EU Ambassador and Special Representative to BiH, Sarajevo (tbc)

**Wolfgang Petritsch**, Former High Representative of the International Community to Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Senada Šelo Šabić**, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO), Zagreb

**Ilana Bet-El**, UN Political Officer, Vienna

Moderator: **Hannes Swoboda**, President of IIP Vienna

**17:30 – 17:45**      **Conclusions and wrap-up**

**Adi Ćerimagić**, Analyst, European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin

**Format:**      **Zoom**

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