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Princess Hotel, Europe Hall

Tuesday, 12 February
09:00 – 09:30  Registration of the participants, Princess Hotel, Europe Hall
09:30 - 10:30  OPENING STATEMENTS
Dr. Solomon Passy
Chairman, Foreign Policy Committee  
Bulgarian National Assembly

**Simeon Nikolov**  
Deputy Minister of Defence  
Ministry of Defence of Republic of Bulgaria

**Petrit Karabina**  
Deputy Minister of Defence  
Ministry of Defence of Albania

**Dr. Petio Petev**  
Director  
NATO and International Security Directorate  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria

**Alexander Karagiannis**  
Deputy Chief of Mission  
Embassy of the USA

**Avgustina Tzvetkova**  
President  
Euro-Atlantic Education Initiative, Bulgaria

**FIRST PANEL**  
**On the Brink of Bucharest Summit:**  
**Opportunities to the Western Balkans Development**

**Chair:**
**Dr. Liviu Muresan**  
Executive President  
EURISC Foundation, Romania

**Speakers:**
**Prof. Radovan Vukadinovic**  
President  
Atlantic Council of Croatia

**Adelina Marku**  
High Official  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Macedonia

**Arian Starova**  
Member of Albanian Parliament  
Vice-President of ATA

**Vessela Tcherneva**  
Programme Director, Foreign Policy Studies  
Centre for Liberal Studies

**Coffee Break**
12:00 - 13:30  SECOND PANEL
Addressing Key Security Issues in the Balkans: The Future of the Region

Chair:
H.E. Valery Rachev
Bulgarian Ambassador to Iraq
Councilor to the Political Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Speakers:
Dr. Plamen Pantev
Director
Institute for Security and International Studies, Bulgaria

Vladan Zivulovic
President
Atlantic Council of Serbia

Lulzim Peci
Director
Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED)
UNMIK/Kosovo

Damir Masic
Member of Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

13:30 - 15:00  Break

15:00 - 16:30  THIRD PANEL
Western Balkans on the Road to EU: Consolidating Stability and Raising Prosperity

Chair:
Lubov Panayotova
Programme Director
European Institute, Bulgaria

Speakers:
Mladen Nakic
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
Croatia

Dragana Markovic
Committee for International Relations and European integration
Parliament of Montenegro

Mr. Branislav Borenovic
National Assembly of Republic of Srpska
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Lutfi Haziri
Member of Parliament
Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integrations
Former Deputy Prime Minister
UNMIK/Kosovo
16:30 - 17:00  Coffee break
17:00 - 18:00  Panel discussions

Wednesday 13 February

9:30 - 11:00  FOURTH PANEL
Networking the Networks:
Positive Experience and Implications in Western Balkans and Caucasus

Chair:
Aleksandar Genchov
State Advisor for NATO Issues
Ministry of Defence, Republic of Macedonia
Vice-President
Euro-Atlantic Council of Macedonia

Speakers:
Representatives of Balkan Mosaic and South Caucasus Mosaic

Milos Solaja
President
Center for International Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Marit Rye Ramberg
South Caucasus/Black Sea Mosaic

Sorena Lortkipanidze
South Caucasus Mosaic

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00  CONCLUDING SESSION
Discussion and Summing up

Conclusion remarks

Harald Thørud
Norwegian Atlantic Committee

13:00 - 14:30  Lunch