

LUNCH DEBATE

WESTERN BALKANS AND THE EU: NEXT STEPS...?

Following the recent EU-Western Balkans Summit and in view of the upcoming meeting of the European Council, COMECE and the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung invite you to join a discussion entitled "Western Balkans and the EU: next steps...?".

This lunch event will take place at the COMECE Secretariat (Sq. de Meeus 19, 1050 Brussels) on Thursday, the **14th of June 2018 from 12:00 to 14:00h**.

Representatives of the Church, youth and EU institutions will engage in a dialogue on a credible European integration process. They will have the opportunity to exchange perspectives on the path towards EU-membership and on the necessary steps that can be taken on the side of the EU, as well as of the Western Balkans.

This event will be held in English.

Register until 10th of June on <https://bit.ly/2Jduhu1>

Speakers: **a representative of the European Commission**, DG NEAR (tbc)

H.E. Mgr. Ladislav Nemet SVD, Bishop of Zrenjanin/Serbia,
President of the International Bishops' Conference of St. Cyril and
Methodius

Ms. Mare Ushkovska, Youth Representative and PhD candidate in
International Law from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Moderation: **Corina Stratulat**, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre
(tbc)

PROGRAM

Thursday, 14 June 2018

12:00 – 12:30 h

Lunch Reception

12:30 – 12:40 h

Words of Welcome

Fr. Olivier Poquillon op, General Secretary, COMECE

12:40 – 12:50 h

Introductory remarks

*Dr. Hardy Ostry, Head of the European Office of the
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung*

12:50 – 13:20 h

Speakers' Statements

Western Balkans and the EU: What are the next steps?

13:20 – 13:50 h

Open Discussion

13:50 – 14:00 h

Closing remarks

Corina Stratulat, Senior Policy Analyst, EPC (tbc)