

## **SPEAK UP!2**

Freedom of Expression and Media  
in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Thursday 20 June 2013

*Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 170 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels*

8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 OPENING

Welcome by **Joost Korte**, *Deputy Director-General for Enlargement*

- **Jerzy Buzek**, *Member of the European Parliament*
- **Fergus O'Dowd**, *Minister of State, Irish Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources*
- **Dunja Mijatović**, *OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*
- **Štefan Füle**, *European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy*

10:00 SESSION 1

**Freedom of expression and media in the Western Balkans and Turkey:  
Progress and persisting issues**

Moderator: **Aidan White**, *Director, Ethical Journalism Network & former Secretary-General of the International Federation of Journalists*

Panellists:

- **Andrea Zlatar Viočić**, *Minister of Culture, Croatia*
- **Fatmir Besimi**, *Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- **Yavuz Baydar**, *Columnist, Today's Zaman daily & Readers Representative, Sabah daily, Turkey*
- **Tamara Chausidis**, *President, Independent Union of Journalists and Media Workers, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- **Vjosa Osmani**, *Member of the Parliamentary Committee for European Integration, Kosovo\**
- **Philippe Leruth**, *Belgian Association of Journalists AJP & former Vice-President of the European Federation of Journalists*

11:45 COFFEE BREAK

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

12:00 SESSION 2

### **New media and new journalism**

Moderator: **Annika Nyberg Frankenhaeuser**, *Media Director, European Broadcasting Union*

Panellists:

- **Jeta Xharra**, *Kosovo Director of the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network*
- **Aleksandar Trifunović**, *Editor-in-Chief of the Buka Media Project, Centre for Informative Decontamination of Youth, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Yaman Akdeniz**, *Professor of Law, Human Rights Law Centre, Istanbul Bilgi University*
- **Marietje Schaake**, *Member of the European Parliament (tbc.)*
- **Olivier Basille**, *Director of the EU Permanent Representation of Reporters Without Borders*

13:00 LUNCH

14:30 SESSION 3

### **The role of parliaments in protecting freedom of expression and media**

Moderator: **Eduard Kukan**, *Chair of the Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo, European Parliament*

Panellists:

- **Žarko Korać**, *Deputy-Speaker of the National Assembly, Serbia*
- **Igli Totozani**, *People's Advocate / Ombudsman, Albania*
- **Tea Gorjanc Prelević**, *Executive Director, Human Rights Action, Podgorica*
- **Davor Glavaš**, *VERN School of Journalism, Zagreb*
- **Ismeta Dervoz**, *Member of the Parliamentary Assembly, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Tibor Macák**, *Secretary-General, Association of European Journalists*

15:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 SESSION 4

**The way forward**

Moderator: **Nils Muižnieks**, *Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe*

Panellists:

- **Kenan Özdemir**, *Deputy Under-Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Turkey*
- **Aleksandar Andrija Pejović**, *State Secretary for European Integration and Chief Negotiator for Accession Negotiations, Montenegro*
- **Lutfi Dervishi**, *Director, Transparency International Albania*
- **Branko Čečen**, *Director, Center for Investigative Journalism, Belgrade*
- **Oliver Vujović**, *Secretary-General, South East Europe Media Organisation, Vienna*

17:00 CONCLUDING DEBATE

Led by **Štefan Füle**, *European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy*

18:00 COCKTAIL RECEPTION