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International Workshop

**Shaping the Future in Bosnia and Herzegovina:
Civil Society's Questions and Answers to Current Issues**

Niederpöcking / Germany, 4-5 December, 2009

Program

Conference venue:

Tagungszentrum Starnberger See im DGB-Bildungswerk e.V.,
Ferdinand-von-Miller-Str. 7, 82343 Pöcking (Niederpöcking) / Germany

Conference Committee:

Petra Bläss-Rafajlovski, Senior Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Hansjörg Brey, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

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Sonja Schüler, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Conference language: English

Friday, 4 December 2009

17:00 hrs Opening / Welcome

Gernot Erler, MP, Deputy Head of the Social Democrat Faction in the German Federal Parliament / Former Minister of State / President of Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Wim van Meurs, Radboud University Nijmegen, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association, Nijmegen

17:30 hrs Panel I: State and Society

Issues to be discussed:

Political and institutional aspects

- transparency and accountability of police and judiciary / fight against corruption; rule of law
- constitutional changes
- administration; “professionalization” of public services / institutions
- decision making / policy creation on central and local level / decentralisation
- political culture; freedom of political debate
- the role of the High Representative’s office
- visa issues / freedom of movement for Bosnian citizens

Socio-economic aspects

- employment/unemployment; entrepreneurship; the role of the shadow economy, incomes and prices
- social policy / social cohesion
- EU-integration-process
- the role of the global economic crisis

Chairs:

Sumantra Bose, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London

Michael Martens, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Istanbul Office

Short contributions by:

Branislav Borenović, MP, Vice-President, PDP, Banja Luka

Saša Gavrić, Executive Director, Sarajevo Open Centre, Sarajevo

Nermina Kapetanović, MP, SDA, Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Saša Magazinović, MP, SDP, Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Damir Mašić, MP, SDP, Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Srđan Mazalica, MP, SNSD, National Assembly of Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka

Iskra Tabaković, President /Team Leader, NVO Novi Put Bihać

Lajla Zaimović Kurtović, Planning Manager, The Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS), Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Franz-Lothar Altmann**, Member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association, Munich

19:30 hrs End of the first day of the workshop

Saturday, 5 December 2009

9:00 hrs Panel II: Conflicts Past and Present
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Issues to be discussed:

- transitional justice
- reconciliation / truth commissions / The Hague Tribunal
- dealing with the past: history-writing, education, memorials / symbolic reparations
- reconciliation amongst youth
- ethnic fragmentation and conflicts / bridging gaps between ethnic communities
- nationalism / fundamentalism
- citizenship / ethnonational definition of BiH
- positive potentials of ethnic and religious diversity
- the role of language and religion
- freedom of speech

Chairs:

Solveig Richter, Research Division EU External Relations, The German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

Christophe Solioz, Center for European Integration Strategies, Geneva

Short contributions by:

Aida Daidžić, Dipl. Ing. Arch., Member of Executive Board, BISER International – International Initiative of Women from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Eldar Jahić, Project Manager, Research and Documentation Center Sarajevo

Peter Klentzan, Board Project on Business Management, Foundation Wings of Hope, Munich

Lucija Lukić, Dipl. Psych., Foundation Wings of Hope Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Nicolas Moll, Deputy Director, Centre André Malraux, Sarajevo

Željka Rubinić, Stipend Coordinator, Citizen Association Nesto Vise Sarajevo, Office Mostar

Lajla Zaimović-Kurtović, Planning Manager, The Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS), Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Wim van Meurs**, Radboud University, Nijmegen; Member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association

11:00 hrs Coffee Break

11:30 hrs Panel III: Civil Society

Part I: Framework Conditions and Project Work

Issues to be discussed:

- civil rights, freedom of associations, freedom of speech / legal and institutional framework
- youth work
- educational projects
- projects for disadvantaged social / ethnic groups
- regional cooperation of civil society in the Western Balkans / sector networking

Chairs:

Benjamin Bieber, Research Group Bosnia, Frankfurt/Main

Christian Voß, Institute of Slavonic Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin

Short contributions by:

Elvir Čaušević, Project Coordinator, Foundation Krila Nade / Wings of Hope Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Marijana Dinek, Executive Director, BH Women's Initiative Foundation, Sarajevo

Verica Kelava, Program Manager, Youth Communication Center, Banja Luka

Rapporteur: **Sonja Schüller**, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

12:30 hrs Lunch break

14:00 hrs Civil Society, Part II: Internal and External Influencing Factors

Issues to be discussed:

- education / university / social sciences
- economic environment
- EU / international stakeholders / "international community"

Chairs: **Benjamin Bieber / Christian Voß**

Short contributions by:

Aleksandar Bundalo, Executive Director, Citizen Association Nesto Vise, Sarajevo

Peter Klentzan, Board Project on Business Management, Foundation Wings of Hope, Munich

Zoran-Matija Kulundžić, M.A., Head Programme Planning, Foreign Policy Initiative BH, Sarajevo

Nicolas Moll, Deputy Director, Centre André Malraux, Sarajevo

Lejla Turčilo, Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Petra Bläss-Rafajlovski**, Senior Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

15:00 hrs Civil Society, Part III: Role and Impact of the Media

Issues to be discussed:

- freedom of the media
- the role of the media in the creation of the “climate” within the country
- Cooperation between media and civil society
- media self-regulation

Chairs:

Johanna Deimel, Consultant, Munich

Tim Judah, The Economist, London

Short contributions by:

Asja Rokša-Zubčević, Head of Division of Audiovisual Services and International Cooperation in Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency BiH, Sarajevo

Borka Rudić, Secretary General of the BH Journalists Association, Sarajevo

Iskra Tabaković, President /Team Leader, NVO Novi Put Bihać

Ljiljana Zurovac, Executive Director, The Press Council in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Sabine Willenberg**, Ph.D. student, University of Jena

16:00 hrs Coffee Break

16:30 hrs Civil Society, Part IV: Status, Potentials and Limits of Action

Issues to be discussed:

- conclusion: Which is the factual role of civil society in BiH?
- sustainability, strengths and weaknesses; corporate social responsibility
- inclusion of civil society in political decision making processes
- new partnerships for sustainable civil society
- does BiH civil society sufficiently make use of lessons learnt in other countries?

Chairs: **Johanna Deimel / Tim Judah**

Short contributions by:

Alenka Savić, Executive Director, Association Centre for Development and Support (CRP), Tuzla

Aida Vežić, M.A., Director, Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), Sarajevo

Lajla Zaimović Kurtović, Planning Manager, The Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS), Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Hansjörg Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

17:30 hrs **“Future Panel”**

Chairs:

Franz-Lothar Altmann, Member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Petra Bläss-Rafajlovski, Senior Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Issues to be discussed:

- what future for BiH?
- how can civil society influence political processes / statehood arrangements?

Open discussion with all participants

Rapporteur: **Solveig Richter**, Research Division EU External Relations, The German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

18:30 hrs **End of the workshop**