

## THIRD REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM 2018

GALERY OF MATICA SRPSKA (GRAND HALL “SAVA TEKELIJA” AND HALL “XX CENTURY”), TRG GALERIJA 1, NOVI SAD

JUNE 29<sup>th</sup> – JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

The Third Regional Youth Forum (RYF) will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia, between the 29th of June and the 1st of July 2018.

RYF is organised by the European Movement in Serbia - local branch Novi Sad, the European Fund for the Balkans, the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, and in partnership with the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – ORF Promotion of EU Integration, under the general sponsorship of the Prime Minister of Serbia Ms. Ana Brnabić. The Forum is supported by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while additional indispensable support was also provided by the Provincial Government of Vojvodina, the City of Novi Sad and the Regional Cooperation Council. The Forum is officially recognized as the side event to the upcoming 2018 Western Balkans Summit in London.

The Regional Youth Forum is an annual conference which brings together young opinionated leaders, action-oriented and socially active individuals from the WB6 in order to engage in discussions on salient topics and develop solutions based on previous knowledge and active social participation. Over the years our Forum has gradually, but steadily grown into the meeting place for the young and the bold, ambitious and unrelenting individuals who speak a different language, a language of reconciliation and goodwill.

At a time when the region, Europe, and the world are faced with ever-growing challenges which require the actions of past, current and future opinionated leaders, it is henceforth implied that a dire need for more dialogue at all levels, through bridging the societal gaps, with a single goal - to ultimately better understand the world around us.

We strongly believe that young people, liberated from the past, should be encouraged to take part in debates and dialogues, and form models of lasting equanimity in the region for the future, through reconciliation, trust and cooperation. In order for the envisioned process to accomplish its purpose, of securing lasting models of cooperation, it is of paramount importance that the young opinionated leaders be recognised as the future heralds of peace and are given a unique place to listen and learn, in order to act. By getting to know one another, through mutual connections and exchange of views, they shall ultimately encourage each other to view mutual cooperation as the sole path, which will lead them to the resolution of any past, present and future attitudes and arguments.

Countless thought-provoking ideas have been debated upon during the past editions of RYF, however the main objective remained clear: to bring together inspiring, ambitions and bright individuals from diverse fields of work and study, and offer them a collaborative, creative, and inspiring environment for discussions and networking.

Our aim is to gather 200 young opinionated leaders, between 18 and 35 years old, with a proven record of making an impact in their communities and give them that place of knowledge and dialogue. We have worked closely with our partners in order to provide all our participants with accommodation and travel arrangements. The RYF is open to, and cordially invites participants from the WB6 region.

The conclusions of the RYF will be presented at the upcoming "Berlin Process" annual Summit in London, at the 8th edition of the Belgrade Security Forum, and the 2018 Young Bled Security Forum.

## DRAFT AGENDA

### JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>

14:00 - 15:30 Joint walk through Novi Sad heritage

16:00 - 16:30 Registration and welcome coffee

16:30 - 16:45 Welcome and opening remarks (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")

Aleksandar Simurdić, Vice President, European Movement in Serbia  
Đuro Blanuša, Secretary General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office  
H.E. Axel Dittmann, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Serbia

16:45 - 17:15 Keynote speech (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")

Miloš Vučević, Mayor of City of Novi Sad  
Erion Veliaj, Mayor of City of Tirana

17:15 - 18:30 Youth in dialogue - A Better Region Starts with the YOUTH (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")

Ana Brnabić, The Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia  
Markus Ingenlath, Secretary General of the Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ/DFJW)  
Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, DG NEAR Director for Western Balkans  
Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General-elect of the Regional Cooperation Council  
Đuro Blanuša, Secretary General of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)

Moderators: Dafina Peci, Secretary General, National Youth Congress (Tirana)  
Aleksandar Simurdić, Vice President of the European Movement in Serbia

18:45 - 20:00 Official reception

20:30 - 23:00 After work party (Venue: "Piknik Bar&Restaurant", Novi Sad, Ribarsko ostrvo)

## JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 First morning coffee with Fatos Mustafa, Deputy Secretary-General of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office, on the topic - „RYCO Strategic Plan (2018- 2020.) – What is done and what has to be done“ (Venue: Hall “XX century”)

10:30 – 12:30 "Creating visions: potentials and visions of young people in WB6" - 5 parallel focus groups hosted by: the Franz Vranitzky Chair for European Studies (FVC), University of Vienna

10:30 – 12:30 "Future prospects on: Democratisation, Living conditions, and Reconciliation" - 3 parallel workshops hosted by: the European Movement in Serbia - local branch Novi Sad (EMiNS), and the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

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16:00 – 16:15 Break

16:15 – 17:15 An afternoon coffee with Lazar Dzamic, Xoogle & Lecturer at Faculty of Media and Communications; Former Head of Brand Planning for Google Zoo Creative Think Tank (London, United Kingdom)

17:15 – 17:30 Break

17:30 – 19:00 Generations in dialogue - "Reclaiming Democracy - A Quest for a Democratic Polarisation: From the Western Balkans to Europe and back" (Venue: Grand Hall “Sava Tekelija”)

Sonja Licht, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

Remzi Lani, Executive Director, Albanian Media Institute

Dr. Selmo Cikotić, Faculty of Political Sciences, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dr. Erhard Busek, Chairman, Institute for Danube Region and Central Europe;  
Coordinator, South-Eastern Cooperative Initiative (SECI)

Youth in dialogue:

Samir Beharić, Sarajevo  
Andrea Mićanović, Podgorica  
Aulonë Memeti, Pristina  
Veronika Tomova, Skopje

Moderator: Hedvig Morvai, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans

20:30 – 22:30 Gala Dinner

**JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 12:00 Lessons learned and recommendations towards London Summit - Presentation of conclusions from the "Creating visions" and the "Future Prospects" focus groups (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")

Moderator: Hedvig Morvai, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans

12:00 – 12:15 Keynote address

Wolfgang Petritsch, Chair of the Board, European Cultural Foundation  
H.E. Nikolaus Lutterotti, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Serbia

12:15 – 12:30 Closing remarks (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")

Đuro Blanuša, Secretary General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office  
Aleksandar Simurdić, Vice President, European Movement in Serbia

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and departures