

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy cordially invites you to a debate titled:

EU Enlargement to Western Balkans: How to Overcome the Deadlock?

Friday November 8, 2019 from 17:00 until 19:00
European House, Jungmannova 24

Preliminary programme:

17:00 – 17:15 Introductory remarks

17:15 – 17:45 Presentation by Marko Stojić

17:45 – 18:30 Panel discussion

– **Malinka Ristevska Jordanova**, European Policy Institute, North Macedonia

– **Marko Stojić**, EUROPEUM and Metropolitan University in Prague

Chair: Jana Juzová, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

18:30 – 19:00 Questions from the audience

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What positions are the Western Balkan countries in on their paths towards accession and what are the main obstacles? What implications might the European Council's decision to postpone opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia have in the region? Can the EU maintain its credibility in the Western Balkans despite the current de-facto freezing of the EU enlargement? How can the EU overcome the current deadlock and make the enlargement process more efficient, especially with regard to the rule of law and democratic reforms?

In the first part of the event, Mr. Marko Stojić from EUROPEUM and the Metropolitan University in Prague, will present his paper focused on the European Commission's Progress reports on the Western Balkan countries. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion focusing on the current state of the EU enlargement to the Western Balkans, the implications of the recent European Council's decision to postpone opening of the accession negotiation with Albania and North Macedonia and possibilities of reform of the accession process to make it more efficient in the future.



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