

European Neighbours - Bilateral Region

Bulgarian-Serbian Relations and their Regional and European Implications

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PROGRAM

11.00 **Welcoming address**

Dragan ĐUKANOVIĆ, president, Center for Foreign Policy, Belgrade

Norbert BECKMANN-DIERKES, director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation
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Introduction

H.E. Petko DOYKOV, ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria in Serbia

Dorothea GIESELMANN, deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of
Germany to Serbia

Thorsten GEIßLER, director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Bulgaria

11.30 **Past and Future:**

Current Opportunities and Challenges in Serbian-Bulgarian Relations

Key points:

- National and ethnic groups and minorities as bridge builders: institutional, political, and cultural history and future
- EU Integration and the Bulgarian Experience
- The state of the economy and infrastructure: possibilities of cooperation and implementation
- Policy and Diplomacy: Positions and Cooperation

Panelists

Vesna MARKOVIĆ, vice president of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs,
National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Serbian Progressive Party, Belgrade

Biser BANCHEV, researcher, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences - The Institute of Balkan
Studies – Contemporary Balkans, Sofia

Nikolay KRSTEV, former Head of the Bulgaria Public Radio in Belgrade and Moscow, analyst of
various Bulgarian and regional media on the Western Balkans, Sofia

Srećko ĐUKIĆ, former Ambassador of the Republic of Yugoslavia to Bulgaria, Belgrade

Ivo VISKOVIĆ, professor, Faculty of Political Sciences, former Ambassador of the Republic
Serbia to the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgrade

Moderator

Stefan BOŠKOVIĆ, program assistant, Center for Foreign Policy, Belgrade,
researcher, Faculty of Political Sciences, Belgrade

13.00 **Closing remarks**

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