

After the EU-Western Balkans Summit: What role for Greece?

Venue: Hotel Electra Metropolis Athens, Mitropoleos 15

The Western Balkans are currently in the center of EU foreign policy: common challenges ranging from security, migration and good-neighborly relations to economic and digital connectivity on the agenda of the upcoming Sofia Summit. This round-table focuses on the results of the summit, what potential Greece has in the region and what its northern neighbors expect from its decision-makers.

- 13:00 Registration of participants, refreshments
- 13:30 Welcome remarks
Henri Bohnet, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Greece and Cyprus Office, Moderator
- 13:40 Short opening statements:
- Greece's foreign policy priorities in the Western Balkans: the government view**
Giorgos Katrougalos, Alternate Foreign Minister for European Affairs
- Greece's foreign policy priorities in the Western Balkans: the opposition's view**
Giorgos Koumoutsakos, MP, Coordinator for Foreign Policy of New Democracy
- 14:00 **What do the Western Balkans expect from Greece?**
- Discussants:
Dusan Spasojevic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia
- Ardiana Hobdari**, Ambassador of the Republic of Albania
- Darko Angelov**, Ambassador and Head of Mission of the Liaison office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- 15.00 Lunch Buffet

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