

## Regional Closing Conference of the European Union/Council of Europe Joint Programme “Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey – Phase II”

### Draft agenda

27-28 September 2022

Hotel Avala  
Budva, Montenegro

#### Tuesday, 27 September 2022

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants

9:30-10:00 Opening remarks

*Mr Ranko Krivokapić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro*

*H.E. Oana-Cristina Popa, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro*

*Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*

10:00-13:00 Parallel thematic workshops

I. Session 1: Ensuring Justice

*Moderator: Mr Frank Power, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Pristina*

- From activities to policy outcomes: focus on quality of services and efficiency of institutions in the field of ensuring justice
- Concrete results from the legal and policy expertise provided to the Beneficiary institutions through the Horizontal Facility: presentation by the beneficiaries

II. Session 2: Fighting Corruption, Economic Crime and Organised Crime

*Moderator: Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade*

- Beneficiary-specific presentations (current state of play, progress and priorities)

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- Expanding co-operation in the field of anti-corruption and AML/CFT response to environmental crime: opportunities and challenges

### III. Session 3: Combatting Discrimination and Protecting Rights of Vulnerable Groups

*Moderator: Ms Bojana Urumova, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo*

- How to strengthen data collection to better assess and report on results?
- The implementation of anti-discrimination policies: state of play
- Achieving synergies in working with the youth on democratic culture and anti-discrimination

### IV. Session 4: Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media

*Moderator: Ms Jutta Gützkow, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana*

- Improving the conditions and environment for the exercise of fundamental rights and freedom of expression and freedom of the media
- Active role of the civil society organisations in the promotion of freedom of expression and freedom of the media

**13:00-14:30 Buffet lunch**

**14:30-16:00 Plenary session I: Conclusions from the workshops**

Ensuring Justice

*Rapporteur TBC*

Fighting Corruption, Economic Crime and Organised Crime

*Rapporteur TBC*

Combatting Discrimination and Protecting Rights of Vulnerable Groups

*Rapporteur TBC*

Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media

*Rapporteur TBC*

*Discussion*

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**16:00 -16:30** Coffee break

**16:30-17:00** Conclusion of the first day of the conference

*Mr Radovan Bogojević, Acting Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro*

*Mr Michael Docherty, Head of Sector, Western Balkans Policy and Regional Strategy, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission*

*Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*

**Wednesday, 28 September 2022**

**08:30-10:00** Contribution of the Horizontal Facility II to the reform processes in the Beneficiaries: tangible results after four years of implementation and state of play in meeting the benchmarks under chapters 23 and 24

*Speakers - Horizontal Facility Beneficiary Co-ordinators:*

*Mr Andi Batusha, Ministry of European Integration, Pristina*

*Ms Elena Bodeva, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Skopje (TBC)*

*Mr Miloš Nikolić, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Podgorica*

*Ms Marija Oros Janković, Ministry of European Integration, Belgrade*

*Ms Miranda Sidran, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sarajevo*

*Mr Sokol Gjoka, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Tirana (TBC)*

*Ms Feyza Toprak, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara*

**10:00-10:30** Coffee break

**10:30-11:30** Phase III of the Horizontal Facility: the road ahead

**Moderator:** *Ms Delphine Freymann, Head of Programming and Resource Mobilisation Department, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe (TBC)*

*Topics for discussion*

- Regional exchanges and peer-to-peer learning: lessons learned and plans for the future
- What specific role will the gender mainstreaming play in the upcoming phase of the programme?

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FOR YOUR RIGHTS: TOWARDS EUROPEAN STANDARDS

- Duty bearers/right holders: increased focus on a balanced approach under next phase
- Introducing environmental issues

## 11:30-12:00 Concluding remarks

**Mr Miloš Nikolić**, Director of the Directorate for the OSCE and the Council of Europe,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

**Mr Michael Docherty**, Head of Sector, Western Balkans Policy and Regional Strategy,  
Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European  
Commission

**Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos**, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law,  
Council of Europe

## 12:00 Buffet lunch

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