

The Renner-Institute invites you to a

Study Presentation and Discussion

Kosovo after Independence. Is the EU's EULEX Mission Delivering on its Promises?

Date Friday, 27 November 2009, 2.00 p.m.

Venue Renner-Institute, „Europasaal“
Entrance: Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf, Hotel 2
Hoffingergasse 33 / Ecke Oswaldgasse, 1120 Wien
(public transport: underground U6, station „Am Schöpfwerk“)

Program

2.00 pm **Welcome Address**

MARTIN JANATA
Renner-Institute

2.10 pm **Presentation of the study**
„Kosovo after Independence. Is the EU's EULEX Mission Delivering on its Promises?“

VEDRAN DZIHIC
HELMUT KRAMER
University of Vienna

2.30 pm **Comments and Discussion**

ULRIKE LUNACEK
MEP, EU Parliament Rapporteur for Kosovo
DOMINIQUE ORSINI
Head of the EULEX Policy Unit
IGBALLE ROGOVA
Director of the Kosova Women's Network
ALBERT ROHAN (*tbc*)
former Deputy Special Envoy for Kosovo
HANNES SWOBODA
MEP, Vice-President of the Socialist Group, Member of the EU-Delegation to Kosovo

Moderation

ADELHEID WÖLFL
Der Standard

5.00 pm **End of discussion**
Light refreshments will be served in the lobby.

Presentation and discussion in English (no translation)

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In December 2009 it will be one year since the EULEX-Mission to Kosovo officially started its work. So far the record of this extremely expensive mission is rather disappointing – the expected success in promoting the rule of law failed to appear, the north of Kosovo is still under the control of Belgrade, corruption is still rampant. The legitimacy of the “status-neutral” EU-mission is low on both sides – Serbian and Kosovo Albanian – which can be underlined by surveys pointing out that 90 % of Kosovo’s population disapprove of EULEX and the EU policy in Kosovo.

The overall strategy of the EU in Kosovo remains reactive and is mainly a continuation of the widely failed policy of the UN-Mission (UNMIK). Regarding the EU accession process of the Kosovo a clear-cut strategy from Brussels is missing. Kosovo is in danger of becoming a “visa-ghetto” because of the strict and rigid visa policy of the EU, thereby aggravating the resentment of the people.

Given the extremely explosive economic and political situation of Kosovo positive alternatives and a clear vision for the future are needed, as Vedran Dzihic and Helmut Kramer point out in their report. In the framework of this public event we want to discuss the status quo in the second year after independence and analyze ways out of the current crisis of the EU policy in Kosovo.

Please find the complete study on:

<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/id/ipa/o6571.pdf>

German version:

<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/id/ipa/o5695.pdf>