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## **International Workshop**

**Shaping the Future in Bosnia and Herzegovina:  
Civil Society's Questions and Answers to Current Issues**

**Niederpöcking / Germany, 4-5 December, 2009**

## **Program**

### **Conference venue:**

Tagungszentrum Starnberger See im DGB-Bildungswerk e.V.,  
Ferdinand-von-Miller-Str. 7, 82343 Pöcking (Niederpöcking) / Germany

### **Conference Committee:**

**Petra Bläss-Rafajlovski**, Senior Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

**Hansjörg Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

**Wim van Meurs**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association, Nijmegen

**Sonja Schüler**, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

**Conference language:** English

**Friday, 4 December 2009**

**17:00 hrs Opening / Welcome**

**Roland Schönfeld**, Vice-President of Southeast Europe Association, Leipzig

**Wim van Meurs**, Radboud University Nijmegen, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association, Nijmegen

**17:30 hrs Panel I: State and Society**

Issues to be discussed:

Political and institutional aspects

- transparency and accountability of police and judiciary / fight against corruption; rule of law
- constitutional changes
- administration; “professionalization” of public services / institutions
- decision making / policy creation on central and local level / decentralisation
- political culture; freedom of political debate
- the role of the High Representative’s office
- visa issues / freedom of movement for Bosnian citizens

Socio-economic aspects

- employment/unemployment; entrepreneurship; the role of the shadow economy, incomes and prices
- social policy / social cohesion
- EU-integration-process
- the role of the global economic crisis

Chairs:

**Petra Bläss-Rafajlovski**, Senior Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

**Michael Martens**, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Istanbul Office

Short contributions by:

**Branislav Borenović**, MP, Vice-President, PDP, Banja Luka

**Saša Gavrić**, Executive Director, Sarajevo Open Centre, Sarajevo

**Nermina Kapetanović**, MP, SDA, Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Saša Magazinović**, MP, SDP, Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Damir Mašić**, MP, SDP, Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Srđan Mazalica**, MP, SNSD, National Assembly of Republic of Srpska, Banja Luka

**Iskra Tabaković**, President /Team Leader, NVO Novi Put Bihać

Rapporteur: **Sabine Willenberg**, Ph.D. student, University of Jena

**19:30 hrs End of the first day of the workshop**

**Saturday, 5 December 2009**

**9:00 hrs    Panel II: Conflicts Past and Present**

Issues to be discussed:

- transitional justice
- reconciliation / truth commissions / The Hague Tribunal
- dealing with the past: history-writing, education, memorials / symbolic reparations
- reconciliation amongst youth
- ethnic fragmentation and conflicts / bridging gaps between ethnic communities
- nationalism / fundamentalism
- citizenship / ethnonational definition of BiH
- positive potentials of ethnic and religious diversity
- the role of language and religion
- freedom of speech

Chairs:

**Solveig Richter**, Research Division EU External Relations, The German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

**Christophe Solioz**, Center for European Integration Strategies, Geneva

Short contributions by:

**Aida Daidžić**, Dipl. Ing. Arch., Member of Executive Board, BISER International – International Initiative of Women from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Eldar Jahić**, Project Manager, Research and Documentation Center Sarajevo

**Peter Klentzan**, Board Project on Business Management, Foundation Wings of Hope, Munich

**Lucija Lukić**, Dipl. Psych., Foundation Wings of Hope Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Nicolas Moll**, Deputy Director, Centre André Malraux, Sarajevo

**Željka Rubinić**, Stipend Coordinator, Citizen Association Nesto Vise Sarajevo, Office Mostar

Rapporteur: **Wim van Meurs**, Radboud University, Nijmegen; Member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association

**11:00 hrs    Coffee Break**

## 11:30 hrs Panel III: Civil Society

### Part I: Framework Conditions and Project Work

Issues to be discussed:

- civil rights, freedom of associations, freedom of speech / legal and institutional framework
- youth work
- educational projects
- projects for disadvantaged social / ethnic groups
- regional cooperation of civil society in the Western Balkans / sector networking

Chairs:

**Benjamin Bieber**, Research Group Bosnia, Frankfurt/Main

**Christian Voß**, Institute of Slavonic Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin

Short contributions by:

**Elvir Čaušević**, Project Coordinator, Foundation Krila Nade / Wings of Hope Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Marijana Dinek**, Executive Director, BH Women's Initiative Foundation, Sarajevo

**Verica Kelava**, Program Manager, Youth Communication Center, Banja Luka

Rapporteur: **Solveig Richter**, Research Division EU External Relations, The German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

**12:30 hrs Lunch break**

## 14:00 hrs Civil Society, Part II: Internal and External Influencing Factors

Issues to be discussed:

- education / university / social sciences
- economic environment
- EU / international stakeholders / "international community"

Chairs: **Benjamin Bieber / Christian Voß**

Short contributions by:

**Aleksandar Bundalo**, Executive Director, Citizen Association Nesto Vise, Sarajevo

**Peter Klentzan**, Board Project on Business Management, Foundation Wings of Hope, Munich

**Zoran-Matija Kulundžić**, M.A., Head Programme Planning, Foreign Policy Initiative BH, Sarajevo

**Nicolas Moll**, Deputy Director, Centre André Malraux, Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Petra Bläss-Rafajlovski**, Senior Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

## 15:00 hrs Civil Society, Part III: Role and Impact of the Media

Issues to be discussed:

- freedom of the media
- the role of the media in the creation of the “climate” within the country
- Cooperation between media and civil society
- media self-regulation

Chairs:

**Johanna Deimel**, Consultant, Munich

**Tim Judah**, The Economist, London

Short contributions by:

**Asja Rokša-Zubčević**, Head of Division of Audiovisual Services and International Cooperation in Broadcasting, Communications Regulatory Agency BiH, Sarajevo

**Borka Rudić**, Secretary General of the BH Journalists Association, Sarajevo

**Iskra Tabaković**, President /Team Leader, NVO Novi Put Bihać

**Lejla Turčilo**, Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo

**Ljiljana Zurovac**, Executive Director, The Press Council in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Franz-Lothar Altmann**, Member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association, Munich

**16:00 hrs Coffee Break**

## 16:30 hrs Civil Society, Part IV: Status, Potentials and Limits of Action

Issues to be discussed:

- conclusion: Which is the factual role of civil society in BiH?
- sustainability, strengths and weaknesses; corporate social responsibility
- inclusion of civil society in political decision making processes
- new partnerships for sustainable civil society
- does BiH civil society sufficiently make use of lessons learnt in other countries?

Chairs: **Johanna Deimel / Tim Judah**

Short contributions by:

**Alenka Savić**, Executive Director, Association Centre for Development and Support (CRP), Tuzla

**Aida Vežić**, M.A., Director, Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), Sarajevo

Rapporteur: **Sonja Schüller**, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

17:30 hrs **“Future Panel”**

Chairs:

**Franz-Lothar Altmann**, Member of the Board of Southeast Europe Association, Munich  
**Sumantra Bose**, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London

Issues to be discussed:

- what future for BiH?
- how can civil society influence political processes / statehood arrangements?

Open discussion with all participants

Rapporteur: **Hansjörg Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

18:30 hrs **End of the workshop**