



Press Release

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The Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA) is holding its 7th Annual Conference at its premises in Danilovgrad, Montenegro from 18 to 19 April 2013. The theme of this year's conference is on **“Effective Policy Making: How to Ensure Desired Changes through Successful Implementation of the Policies”**

The Deputy Prime Minister for Political System, Foreign and Interior Policy of Montenegro Mr. Dusko Markovic, Minister of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Barisa Colak, the Deputy Minister of Interior of Albania Mr. Ferdinand Poni, the Minister of Public Administration of Croatia Mr. Arsen Bauk, the Minister of Information Society and Administration of Macedonia Mr. Ivo Ivanovski will attend the conference. Present at this event will be **Mr. Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director of IPA (Instruments for Pre-Accession) Strategy and Regional Cooperation Directorate within the European Commission.**

The two-day conference will discuss and raise awareness of the public administration reform in the Western Balkan (WB), right approach to all policy cycles, in particular the top-down approach. These processes include effective policy making, Monitoring and Evaluation of the implementation of the policies as well as policy revision. In addition, the Conference will foster the experiences exchange and best practices of the WB and the EU regarding these issues. 80 participants coming from more than 20 countries mainly consisting of high level officials and civil servants from the Western Balkans, representatives of the civil society, international organizations, members of parliament and other dignitaries will attend.

Press Conference:

After the opening remarks, the ministers and other dignitaries from the Western Balkan Countries as well as the representative from the EU will be available for press point statements from 10.30-11.00 am. We kindly invite all the media to follow the event.

At the premises of the Parliament of Montenegro in Podgorica, during the first day, a round-table on the topic 'Role of the National and EU Assemblies in the policy decision process as well as the citizen's participation at the policy making processes', is taking place from 18.00 until 19.30 hrs. The discussion will lead to the different models of policy making in European and national parliamentary systems, and will be attended by Members of National Parliaments, non-governmental organizations as well as the policymakers from the region and wider.

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Press conference information:

What: ReSPA 7th Annual Conference

Who:

- Deputy Prime Minister for political system, foreign and interior policy of Montenegro Mr. Dusko Markovic,
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- Minister of Public Administration of Croatia Mr. Arsen Bauk,
- Minister of Information Society and Administration of Macedonia Mr. Ivo Ivanovski
- Director of IPA (Instruments for Pre-Accession) Strategy and Regional Cooperation Directorate within the European Commission Mr. Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler
- ReSPA Director, Mr. Suad Music

What time: 10.30-11.00

Where: ReSPA Campus, Yellow Room

About ReSPA - ReSPA is the international organization created on the initiative of the European Union and the countries of the Western Balkans, which works to encourage and boosting regional cooperation in areas of public administration, human resource management and civil service reform among member countries. ReSPA strives to offer innovative and creative training, networking events, capacity building and consultancy services in order to ensure that all public administrations of the countries in the region cultivate common values of respect, tolerance, mutual cooperation and integration. ReSPA's Secretariat is in Danilovgrad in Montenegro.