



EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Regional Cooperation, Common Regional Market Implementation and Gradual Integration into the EU Single Market

21-23 April 2026

Venue: Mak Albania Hotel, Tirana, Albania

DRAFT AGENDA

20 April	Arrival of Participants in Tirana
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Day 1 (21 April): EU Enlargement & Gradual Accession to the EU Single Market

09:00 - 09:15	Welcome remarks Ms. Jorida Shytaj, Executive Director, Europe Plus Mr. Klodjan Seferaj, Programme Manager OSF-WB Ms. Rozalija Karchicka Vasilevska, Program Manager, ReSPA (TBC)
09:15 - 10:15	Evolution of EU Enlargement Policy Prof. Dr. Tanja Mišćević, Professor, University of Belgrade Former Minister for European Integration of Serbia
10.15-10.45	Exchange with Participants
10-45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.15	Gradual Integration into the EU Single Market as a New Approach to EU Enlargement Prof. Dr. Tanja Mišćević, Professor, University of Belgrade Former Minister for European Integration of Serbia
12.15 - 13.15	Facilitated discussion based on a concrete WB6 scenario
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch break
14:15 – 15:15	Ensuring Credibility: Conditionality, Reversibility and Safeguards Prof. Dr. Tanja Mišćević, Professor, University of Belgrade Former Minister for European Integration of Serbia
15:15 – 16:15	Case study: What Gradual Accession means in practice for the Western Balkans Prof. Dr. Tanja Mišćević, Professor, University of Belgrade Former Minister for European Integration of Serbia
16.15	Reflections & Takeaways

Day 2 (22 April): Towards Single Market Readiness: Implementing the Common Regional Market for the Western Balkans

09:00 - 10:00	The Berlin Process and the Reconfiguration of Regional Cooperation Ms. Elda Kalaja, Policy Expert on Regional Cooperation and EU Integration
10:00-10.30	Coffee break
10.30 – 11.30	The Common Regional Market as a stress-test for EU rule of law standards Ms. Elda Kalaja, Policy Expert on Regional Cooperation and EU Integration
11-00 - 12.00	Free Movement and Mobility within the Common Regional Market Ms. Elda Kalaja, Policy Expert on Regional Cooperation and EU Integration
12.00-12.30	Case Discussion: CRM in Practice
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-14.30	Convergence in the Western Balkans: Findings from converge2eu PhD. Branimir Jovanović, the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies – wiiw
14.30-15.30	Guided discussion: The Common Regional Market as a stress-test for EU rule of law standards
15.30-16.30	CRM 2.0: Implementation Lessons and Next-Phase Priorities Ms. Elda Kalaja, Policy Expert on Regional Cooperation and EU Integration
16.30	Reflections & Takeaways

Day 3 (23 April) Regional Cooperation as a Preparatory Pathway to EU Integration

09:30 - 10:30	Aligning Regional Cooperation with EU Integration: A Reinforcing Approach PhD Majlinda Bregu, Former Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Commissioner, Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health (WHO)
10.30-11.00	Exchange with participants
11:00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 12:30	The EU Growth Plan and the Reform & Growth Facility as preparatory phase for membership PhD Majlinda Bregu, Former Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Commissioner, Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health (WHO)
12-30 - 13.30	Open discussion on how regional cooperation supports EU integration in practice
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 - 15.30	Regional Cooperation and EU Integration: Synergy or Substitution PhD Majlinda Bregu, Former Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Commissioner, Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health (WHO)
15.30-16.00	Open discussion
16.00	Reflections & Takeaways
24 April	Departure of Participants from Tirana