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Science, Education, Research and Innovation Chapter of the
Berlin Process for the Western Balkans**

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 18 TH SEPTEMBER 2023 * TIRANA AND DURRËS	
During the day	Arrival; transfer from the airport Accommodation at Maritim Hotel Plaza***** , Rruga Abdi Toptani 18 (accommodation according to data transmitted by the delegates in advance; individual arrangements with the conference team are considered)
17:00 – 22:00	Travel by bus to Durrës (≈1h) (pickup in front of Hotel Plaza) Welcome dinner at Restaurant 4 Stinët (4 Seasons) (seated dinner, smart casual), Rruga Taulantia Lagja 1, 2001 Durrës Travel back to Tirana
TUESDAY, 19 TH SEPTEMBER 2023 * MARITIM HOTEL PLAZA	
Rruga Abdi Toptani 18 Room “Queen Geraldine”, 3 rd floor	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Official opening</i> Skënder Gjinushi, President, Academy of Sciences of Albania Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, President, Rectors’ Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans Gerald Haug, President, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
10:30 – 12:00	<i>Panel #1: Record of achievements so far and discussion on desiderates in education, research, and innovation policy within the Berlin Process; focus on universities, research, transfer</i> Facilitators: Gazela Pudar Draško, Director, Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade Tarik Zaimović, Vice Rector, University of Sarajevo Anila Paparisto, Vice Rector, University of Tirana
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch (buffet lunch)

13:00 – 14:30	<p><i>Panel #2: Enabling excellence in the Balkans; focus on structures and processes, and deepening integration into European Research Area and European Education Area</i></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Heinz Faßmann, President, Austrian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>Agron Bajraktari, Rector, University of Applied Sciences of Ferizaj</p> <p>Arben Merkoçi, Catalan Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Barcelona</p>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16:30	<p><i>Panel #3: Academic and professional mobility within the Balkans and between the EU and the Balkans; focus on brain circulation, career development and academic diasporas</i></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Adrian Curaj, UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration Bucharest</p> <p>Irena Orović, Vice Rector, University of Montenegro</p> <p>Blerjana Bino, Executive Director, Centre of Science and Innovation for Development, Tirana</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p><i>Conclusions on education, science and innovation policy</i></p> <p>Gerald Haug, President, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina</p>
18:30 – 19:00	Transfer by bus to restaurant (pickup in front of Hotel Plaza)
19:00 – 21:30	Dinner at Restaurant Kazerma e Cerenit , Rruga e Rexhekri, Tirana (seated dinner; smart casual)
21:30 – 22:00	Transfer by bus back to hotel
<p>WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023 * ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF ALBANIA</p> <p>Shëtitörja Murat Toptani – Sheshi Fan S. Noli</p>	
Until 10:00	Walk from Hotel Plaza to HQ of the Academy of Sciences of Albania
10:00 – 11:15	<p><i>Quo vadis Balkans? Quo vadis Europe?</i></p> <p>Keynote by Prime Minister of Albania Edi Rama</p> <p>Introduction by Skënder Gjinushi, President, Academy of Sciences of Albania</p> <p>Followed by a ceremonial event</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break 
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>European integration of the Balkans and the role of academies, universities, scholars and intellectuals</i></p> <p>Keynotes by:</p> <p>Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe, Brugge and</p> <p>Ivan Vejvoda, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna</p> <p>Followed by panel discussion with the keynote speakers and:</p> <p>Zoran Knežević, President, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and</p> <p>Massimo Inguscio, Italian Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei</p>

	Moderated by Ruth Narmann, International Head, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (buffet; academy park)
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Berlin Process and Education, Science and Innovation in the Balkans: Outlook and Opportunities</i> Ruta Zarnauskaite, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation Ogerta Manastirliu, Minister of Education, Sports and Youth of Albania Odeta Barbullushi, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Coordinator of the Tirana Western Balkans Summit of Heads of State and Government Karl Bergner, German Ambassador to Albania Siniša Marčić, Regional Cooperation Council Moderated by Lucian Brujan, Berlin Process Coordinator for Education, Science, Innovation
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Overall conclusions; steps forward</i> Vasil S. Tole, Vice President, Albanian Academy of Sciences and Lucian Brujan, Berlin Process Coordinator for Education, Science, Innovation
	GERMAN EMBASSY TIRANA Rruga Skënderbeg 8, Tirana
18:00 – 18:30	Transfer by bus to the Embassy (pickup in front of Hotel Plaza)
18:30 – 20:30	Farewell reception; greetings by Ambassador Karl Bergner
20:30	Transfer by bus back to hotel
THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023	
During the day	Transfer to airport; departure

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