

Preliminary Programme

Mostar Mediation Conference

Mediation and Justice in the Western Balkans

Strengthening the Links

Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 29th to 30th October, 2020

Wednesday, 28th October, 2020

Arrival and Check-in

19:00 *Dinner*

Thursday, 29th October, 2020

08:00 *Registration and Coffee*

09:00 **Welcome address**

Key Note

Law and Mediation: Complementary Siblings or Competitors?

10:30 *Coffee Break*

11:00 **Panel I**

Assessment of the Justice Mediation Gaps and Links throughout the Western Balkans

An Overview from the Perspective of the Associations and Chambers of Mediation from Albania, B&H, Croatia, Kosovo*¹, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 **Panel II**

Referral from the Justice to the Mediation System

Good Practices, Factors of Success, Lessons Learned from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo* and Italy

14:30 **Panel III**

Involving Courts, Law Enforcement Agencies and Administration: Sensitising for Mediation

16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:30 **Panel IV**

Particular Forms of Mediation in and Close to Judiciary and Law Enforcement

In-Court Judge Mediation, Police Mediation, Restorative Justice (post-sentence Mediation) with Examples from Albania, Croatia, Slovenia

¹ The language of this document is in accordance with the usage of the Regional Cooperation Council: **This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*

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| 16:30 | Panel V Quality Standards of Mediation and Recruitment |
| 18:00 | Reception |
| 19:30 | <i>Dinner</i> |
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| | Friday, 30th October, 2020 |
| 09:00 | Recapitulation of the Previous Day and Introduction to Working Groups |
| 09:30 | Working Groups: Elaboration of Recommendations |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee Break (flexibly taken in the working groups)</i> |
| 11:00 | Working Groups: Elaboration of Recommendations Continuation |
| 12:00 | Concluding Plenary Panel Presentation of Recommendations |
| 13:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:30 | Panel VI Laws on Mediation in the Legal Approximation Process to EU <i>Motor for Positive Change or Levelling Legal Singularities?</i> |
| 16:00 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 16:30 | Panel VII (open to the public) The EU as Mediator. Feedback from a Local Perspective in Times of Renewing the EU Mediation Concept |
| 18:00 | Farewell address and Evaluation |
| 18:30 | End |
| 19:00 | <i>Dinner</i> |
| | End of Conference Celebration |
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| | Saturday, 31st October, 2020 |
| 10:00 | City tour / bilateral meetings / early departure |
| 12:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| | Departure |