



Bosnia and Herzegovina's integration challenge

From internal consolidation towards EU integration

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ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.15 **Welcome and introduction to the roundtable**

- *Pierre Schori*, Director General, FRIDE, Spain

10.15 – 12.00 **Bosnia and Herzegovina's current dynamics**

Chair:

- *Pierre Schori*, FRIDE, Spain

Keynote speech:

- *Sven Alkalaj*, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Panellists:

- *Judy Batt*, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies, France
 - *Orlando Fusco*, Political Advisor to the EU Special Representative, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - *Denis Hadzovic*, Secretary General, Centre for Security Studies (CSS), Bosnia and Herzegovina
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12.00 – 12.30 Coffee break

12.30 – 14.15 **Debate – From Internal Consolidation towards EU Integration**

Moderator:

- **David Chandler**, Professor, University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom

During this session the roundtable participants have the opportunity to discuss with the panel of experts. The following issues will stand at the basis of the discussion:

1. Critical evaluation of the *legacy of the Office of the High Representative* (OHR) as well as prospects and future status of the EU Special representative (EUSR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina after the closure of the OHR.
2. Evaluation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's road to *EU membership* through a Stability and Association Process, with a critical assessment of both domestic and European efforts and the current state of play.
3. The future of the *Dayton process* and the reform of the Bosnia and Herzegovina constitution.
4. Prospects of upcoming *municipal elections*.
5. Evaluation of the role of *civil society* and the protection of human and minority rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina with particular attention to international efforts in addressing and supporting these issues.
6. Impact of *Kosovo's independence* on regional developments, with special focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Rapporteur:

- **Sofia Sebastian**, Associate Fellow, FRIDE, Spain

14.15 – 14.30 **Concluding remarks and word of thanks**

- **Pierre Schori**, FRIDE, Spain

14.30 – 16.00 Lunch

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