

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE



# WESTERN BALKANS: THE NEXT EUROPE

*Next Europe Network: Reformation and Democratization of the Western Balkan*



*The European University of Tirana in cooperation with the Sapienza University of Rome organize the International Scientific Conference 'Next Europe Network - Reformation and Democratization of the Western Balkan', on the 25th and 26th June 2015, Aula Magna, UET.*



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## Introducing the Network 'Next Europe'

The idea to establish the Network 'Next Europe' comes as an initiative of the European University of Tirana and draws from the need to reconceptualise the Western Balkan countries as the future Europe. The Western Balkan countries still face major challenges due to past legacies of ethnic and civil conflicts, poorly developed economic systems and most currently due to the initial signs of Islamic fundamentalism. Albania, BiH, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Macedonia are yet to become members of the European Union. Some of the Western Balkan countries are progressing towards the European accession and have been granted the status of candidate country to join EU, whereas others are falling behind considering their particular contexts and historical legacies. In addition, the Western Balkan countries demonstrate similar patterns in terms of democratization, reformation, governance and economic model. The Berlin process and the European Union have emphasised the regional integration and cooperation approach for the Western Balkan countries with an attempt to bring them as a group closer to the European Union.

The aim of the Network 'Next Europe' is to address the challenges of democratization, socio-economic development and institutional progress of the Western Balkan countries with a particular focus on the indicators for modernization and Europeanization in terms of political, economic and social processes. The European University of Tirana initiates the Network, which aims to establish a cooperation network between leading universities in the Western Balkans and research centres in Europe with research expertise and interest on the region.

The Network 'Next Europe' seeks to launch as its first and major outcome an Index of Reformation for the Western Balkan. Secondly, the Network aims at developing joint initiatives with the partners such as projects, exchange programmes, conferences and trainings linked to common research interests, higher education sector and contemporary developments in the region. The Network 'Next Europe' will hold an international scientific conference each year followed by the publication of the Index of Reformation for the Western Balkan.

# Jean Monnet Conference: The Albanian path towards Europe and the role of civil society

The Jean Monnet Chair at the European University of Tirana and the Jean Monnet at the Sapienza University of Rome jointly organise the conference with a particular focus on the path of Western Balkan countries, such as Albania, towards European accession and the role of civil society.

The Jean Monnet at Sapienza University of Rome establishes the EU OBSERVER with the aim to connect worlds to promote European Education between universities, schools and civil society organizations. This observer has started up processes to open the University system and welcome the outside world, especially youth and schools, to promote pathways of European Citizenship Education for all.

The Jean Monnet Chair at the European University of Tirana seeks to develop theoretical and practical knowledge and expertise on EU and regional development amongst students, academics, civil society and local government in order to enhance the Albanian capacities to benefit from EU structural funds in lieu of the EU accession.



# Aim and objectives of the conference

The aim of the conference is two-folded: first, to establish the Next Europe Network on democratization and reformation of the Western Balkans and secondly, to bring together scholars and practitioners to discuss on the role of civil society organisations in the democratization process considering the path of Western Balkan countries towards European Union.

## Objectives:

- to bring together all partner institutions that have confirmed their interest to cooperate for the Next Europe Network;
- to develop an action plan for future common activities and projects: research, exchange, etc.;
- to present and discuss articles on the democratization and reformation of the Western Balkans and the role of civil society on their path towards European Union.



# Next Europe Network Partners

School of Slavonic & East European Studies, UCL, London, UK

LSE Research on South East Europe, LSE, London, UK

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy

Science Po, Paris, France

Center for South East European Studies, University of Graz, Graz, Austria

University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria

University of Ljubjana, Ljubjana, Slovenia

University of Sarajevo, Sarajove, BiH

University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia

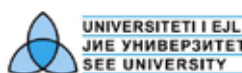
University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, Serbia

South East European University, Tetovo, Macedonia

University of Pristina, Pristina, Kosovo

American University of Kosovo, Pristina, Kosovo

University of Donja-Gorica, Podgorica, Montenegro



# Programme

## First day - Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015

18:00-19:45	Plenary Session at European University of Tirana, UET Aula Magna	
18:00-18:15	Welcome note	Prof. Dr. Adrian Civici, President of the European University of Tirana
18:15-18:30	EU Observatory: Connecting worlds to promote European education among universities, schools and civil society organisations	Prof. Umberto Triulzi, Chancellor's Delegate for Cooperation - Head of the European Observatory, Sapienza University of Rome
18:30-18:45	Democratic transition and European integration in the Western Balkan	Prof. Dr. Jacques Rupnik, Senior Research Fellow, Sciences Po
18:45-19:00	The dilemmas of building civil society outside of the West	Prof. Jan Kubik, Director, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies
19:00-19:15	The establishment of the Next Europe Network	Henri Çili, PhD, Director General, UET
19:15-19:30	Bridging research with policy in the Western Balkans: limits and possibilities	Odeta Barbullushi, PhD, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
19:30-19:45	Towards European Political Union: A challenge for Universities	Prof. Francesco Gui, Coordinator of University for Europe, La Sapienza University
19.45- 20.30	Dinner/Reception, UET	

## Second day – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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THE ALBANIAN PATH TOWARDS EUROPE: CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

09:30- 10:00	Registration, Aula Magna, UET	
10:00-11:30	NEXT EUROPE NETWORK: REFORMATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE WESTERN BALKANS	
	“Cooperation for research: South East European Studies”	Prof. Florian Bieber, Professor in South East European Studies and Director of the Center for South East European Studies at the University of Graz
	“Democratization via Enlargement - EU Conditionality, Formal Compliance, and State Capture”	Dr. Arolda Elbasani, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
	“Taking European Integration seriously. Albania's actual challenges”	Prof. Assoc. Dr. Erjona Canaj, Head of the Department of Private Law, UET
	Friends and Foes: Developing Regional Policy during Transitions”,	Elvin Gjevori, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Applied Social Sciences

	<i>Moderator: Blerjana Bino, PhD (c), Research and Development, UET</i>	
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00-13:30	EUROPEANISATION AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY	
	"The role of Civil Society in EU migration policies"	Prof. Katia Scannavini, La Sapienza University
	"The participation of Civil Society: process and condition. A socio-anthropological reading"	Prof. Emanuela Ferreri, La Sapienza University
	"The impact of 'time norms' on interpersonal communication in Albanian context"	Gilman Bakalli, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Communication and Public Relations, UET
	"The Self-Regulatory Role of the Albanian Electronic Media as Civil Society Actors"	Dr. Belina Budini, Head of the Department of Communication and Public Relations, UET
	"The confidence of citizens in public institutions"	Ervis Iljazaj, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Applied Social Sciences
	<i>Moderator: Prof. Umberto Triulzi, Chancellor's Delegate for Cooperation - Head of the European Observatory, Sapienza University of Rome</i>	
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-16:00	NEXT EUROPE NETWORK AND FUTURE PLANS	
	"Erasmus+ instruments for cooperation"	Dr Franz Kok, University of Salzburg
	"EU Observatory: a way to connect European students"	Valentina Gullo, Sapienza University of Rome
	Europeanisation of the Western Balkans: Action Plan of the Network	Blerjana Bino, PhD (c), Research and Development, UET
	<i>Moderator: Nita Luçi, PhD, Head of University Program for Gender Studies and Research, University of Prishtina</i>	
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30-17:00	Concluding remarks	
	Proceedings to be published in September 2015, ISBN 978-9928-190-39-3	



# Short BIO



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