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OSF Alumni as Policy Advisors in EU integration of the Western Balkans conference aims to engage the potentials of Open Society Foundations Alumni Network (OSF Alumni) in developing and advocating policy solutions and answering to policy challenges in the Western Balkans. This year conference is the third regional conference of the Open Society Foundations Scholarship Programs alumni from the Western Balkans. It is organised by the Belgrade Open School (BOS), educational advising centre of the Open Society Foundations Scholarship Programs in Serbia.

Political and economic problems of this region during the last four years have been processed and discussed among regional political leaders and leaders of the EU members within the frame of Berlin Process-political initiative conceived with the aim of boosting regional cooperation among the Western Balkan countries and their European integration. In 2014 German Chancellor Angela Merkel initiated Berlin Process with the aim of "further implementation and consolidation of institutional, economic and socio-political reforms in the Western Balkan States and especially the improvement of interregional cooperation among the "Western Balkans 6".

Taking into account importance of this political initiative for the region, BOS started the project with the purpose of feeding the discussion around the Berlin Process with evidence-based policy proposals. The OSF Alumni accumulates a valuable pull of knowledge and expertise which could be utilized to impact policy areas which are recognized by the Berlin Process Agenda.

The conference will gather OSF alumni, representatives of academic and policy community with the aim of discussing policy proposals created by the group of alumni researchers, possible solutions and future of the Western Balkans after Berlin Process (2014-2018). One of the discussion during the conference will put in focus the upcoming fifth annual summit within the Berlin Process – London Summit. The summit will take place on July 9-10. Considering that this is the final year of the Berlin Process, this conference will also tackle the question of future cooperation among WB6 without the frame of this process.

The main part of the conference will be dedicated to the presentation of alumni's policy proposals. Proposals developed by researchers examine the issues of regional cooperation in the field of economic, educational and social reforms in the framework of Berlin Process.

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07.06.2018 – Thursday

8:30-9:00	Registration of the participants
9:00-9:20	<p>Opening remarks <i>Speakers</i> Zarina Usmanova Open Society Foundation - Scholarship Programs London</p> <p>Milorad Bjeletic Belgrade Open School</p>
09:20-09:40	<p>Preparation of the 2018 Western Balkans Summit in London <i>Key note speaker</i> Ana Marijanovic Rudan European Fund for the Balkans</p>
09:40-10:00	<p>Achievements of Belgrade Open School in implementation of OSF alumni project <i>Key note speaker</i> Vladimir Pavlovic Belgrade Open School</p>
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:30	<p>Discussion title: Economic challenges in the WB-integration, investment, infrastructure <i>Speakers</i> Boris Majstorovic Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Dragan Milkovski Trading company LEMI dooel Skopje</p> <p>Besnik Krasniqi Faculty of Economics, University of Prishtina</p> <p>Biljana Stepanovic Business Info Group</p> <p><i>Facilitator</i> - Mihailo Gajic Libertarian club Libek</p>
11:30-12:00	Discussion with participants
12:00-12:30	Coffee break
12:30-13:30	<p>Discussion title: Education and migration of high skilled workers from Western Balkan states <i>Speakers</i> Nina Brankovic Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb PhD candidate</p> <p>Ridvan Peshkopia Faculty of Political Science, University for Business and Technology in Prishtina</p> <p>Merita Zulfu Faculty of Contemporary Social Sciences, South East European University, Tetovo</p> <p>Nenad Celarevic PERFORM – Performing and Responsive Social Sciences</p> <p><i>Facilitator</i> - Nikola Savic Western Balkans Alumni Association - Serbian National Chapter</p>

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13:30-14:00	Discussion with participants
14:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-16:00	<p>Discussion title: Towards Gender Equality in Western Balkans - models of good practice</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Milana Lazic Gender Equality & EU Enlargement Countries, European Institute for Gender Equality: EIGE and OSF Alumni</p> <p>Zorana Antonijevic OSCE Mission to Serbia and OSF Alumni</p> <p>Sanja Nikolin tbc Women's Platform for Development of Serbia</p> <p>Katarina Tadic European Policy Centre</p> <p><i>Facilitator</i> - Ana Stevanovic Zdravev Belgrade Open School</p>
16:00-16:30	Discussion and the end of the working day

08.06.2018 – Friday

09:00-09:30	<i>Participants gathering</i>
09:30-10:30	<p>Discussion title: Outstanding bilateral issues in the Western Balkans</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Jovana Marovic Politikon Network</p> <p>Florian Qehaja (tbc) Kosovar Centre for Security Studies</p> <p>Jovana Radosavljevic New Social Initiative</p> <p><i>Facilitator</i> - Bojan Elek Belgrade Centre for Security Policy</p>
10:30-11:00	Discussion with participants
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<p>Discussion title: Decentralized urban government models for sustainable development</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Denada Veizaj Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Polytechnic University of Tirana</p> <p>Milan Stajic Belgrade Land Development Public Agency</p> <p>Iva Cukic Ministry of space</p> <p><i>Facilitator</i> - Ivana Dragsic Plostad Sloboda (Freedom Square)</p>

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12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	<p><i>Discussion title: Western Balkans after the Berlin Process</i></p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Florent Marciacq Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe</p> <p>Pavle Jankovic Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Aleksandar Kovacevic The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies</p> <p>Milena Lazarevic European Policy Centre</p> <p><i>Facilitator - Vladimir Pavlovic</i> Belgrade Open School</p>
15:00-15:30	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Closing remarks and conclusions