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Foreword

It is a great pleasure for me, as Chairwomen of the National Council of European Integration (NCEI), to continue the already consolidated tradition for the organization of European School of Integration. The European School of Integration is an important activity to support identifying and involving prominent stakeholders from all institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders who can contribute with their expertise to Albania's accession negotiation process in the European Union (EU).

I would like to inform that there have been about 182 applications this year to become part of this school. This year we will continue to share professional experience in integration issues with lecturers from Vienna, the University of Thessaloniki, University of Zagreb, the European College of Parma Foundation, as well as with international and regional experts in negotiation matters from countries that have gone through that stage as Croatia, or that are going through it such as Serbia and Montenegro. We are all aware the EU Accession process requires all-inclusiveness, professional experience and expertise in various fields as well as the work and efforts from all stakeholders. This school undoubtedly serves to the European integration process. At this point in time I think we need to continue our efforts towards our great dream, towards EU accession and the organizing of this school, clearly shows our positioning.

My Heartfelt thanks to Mr. Soreca, the Ambassador of the European Union to Tirana who has strongly supported Albania for the opening of accession negotiations with the European Union. I am hopeful and confident that this time the Council will be unanimous in its decision for the opening of the negotiations with Albania.

We are all working hard to achieve this major strategic goal. The European dream of Albanians and the work towards the approximation of the EU legal framework, in guaranteeing democratic institutions, guaranteeing human rights freedom, and consolidating a justice system where everyone is equal before the law, no doubt is helping us to move forward to Europe. We expect the EU this time to be unanimous in its stand, by fulfilling so its promises.

To close, let me thank our partners: the Delegation of the European Union, the Open Society Foundation for Albania (OSFA), and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, without whom the event would not have been possible but also the staff of the NCEI Secretariat and the Assembly for all the hard work behind that is needed for the realization of this event.

*I wish you a successful completion of the 2019 European Integration School!*
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Who are we?

The National Council of European Integration (NCEI) is the highest national advisory body in Albania on European integration. It was established by the Law no. 15/2015 to promote and guarantee the inclusive cooperation among political forces, public institutions and civil society, and ensure the increase of transparency in the decision-making process on integration matters. It is headed by the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integration. The Deputy Chair is the head of the Albanian delegation at the Parliamentary Stabilisation-Association Committee.

The National Council of European Integration was created as a prerequisite for ensuring broad national consensus on EU-related reforms and in the EU accession process of Albania, and by virtue to guarantee the sustainability of such reforms. This broad consultation process will provide a framework to channel the expertise and energy of all the stakeholders of the Albanian society into the policy making and implementation of the EU agenda of Albania.

The National Council of European Integration composition reflects the broad representativeness, concretely:

- Chairs and Deputy Chairs of permanent parliamentary committees;
- Representatives of parliamentary groups;
- The Chair of the Albanian Delegation at the Parliamentary Stabilisation-Association Committee;
- The Minister in charge of Integration;
- Representatives of the Cabinet of the President;
- Representatives of the Cabinet of the Prime Minister;
- Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- The Prosecutor General;
- The Deputy Chair of the High Council of Justice;
- The Ombudsman;
- Representatives from civil society organisations involved in European integration matters.
The permanent invitees in the meetings of the National Council, are:

- heads of independent constitutional institutions and institutions established by law that report to and inform the Assembly;
- representatives of the Academy of Sciences and the public University;
- media representatives;
- representatives of the business sector, chambers of commerce and trade unions;
- representatives of international organisations and the diplomatic corps;

Some *key functions* of the National Council:

- promotes cooperation among political forces, state institutions, independent institutions and civil society organisations in Albania’s integration process in the European Union;
- ensures constant debate/discussion on the policies of European integration implemented by state institutions with civil society organisations and other stakeholders;
- monitors the implementation of the obligations for the opening of accession negotiations with the European Union;
- ensures continues cooperation on the integration process with permanent parliamentary committees and other bodies/structures in charge of European integration;
- monitors the progress of accession negotiations/talks and holds frequent meetings with the Chair of the Negotiating Group;

*Why a European Integration School?*

The European Integration School (EIS) started as an initiative of the National Council of European Integration (NCEI), considering the urged need for qualified experts from public institution and civil society, and for paving the way for an increased and active involvement of all stakeholders in the implementation of EU-related reforms. As the country is progressing toward the European Integration process, it becomes eminent establishing and identifying a pool of experts that potentially will give a contribution to the accession negotiation. The European Integration School is a pioneer on that regard, combining a tailor made training on negotiation gathering together civil servant and civil society actors. It gives a high contribution to preparation of the upcoming negotiation team and generating a public debate for the country preparation for negotiation.
Objectives of the EIS:

- Further strengthening the capacities of all relevant stakeholders, on the obligations and challenges of EU membership;
- Broadening and strengthening the network of trained representatives of public administration and civil society who will contribute to the process of European integration;
- An added value of the EIS course is the possibility to identify the most prominent representatives of civil society and encourage their involvement in the accession negotiations with the EU and fulfill the initial objectives of NCEI as regards capacity building, such as the strengthening of capacities of all relevant stakeholders, and creation of a network of trained representatives of civil society who will contribute to the process of European integration.

The EIS is designed to provide a complete theoretical framework, and help the participants to improve their negotiating skills through practical methods on effective negotiations. The last EIS was successfully closed in October 2018 whereas 37 participants partook to a combined week with lectures providing practical elements of the accession process were conducted by professors from the University of Westminster UK, high-level national and international level experts for European Integration as well as numerous invitees from the Albanian Parliament, the Government, business and media communities.
The main mission of this training course is to achieve increased interaction between all stakeholders by strengthening the inclusiveness of the reforms in the country’s European integration process. The course, building on the experience of the European Integration School, aims to provide in-depth information on European Union: accession negotiations, legal approximation, most important and challenges of the EU acquis, etc.

Friends of EIS

The European Integration School concept has been embraced since the beginning not only by all members of NCEI and the Assembly but even by many donors and international organizations operating in Albania. Thanks, even to their support we made possible the organization and the high profile of the school. The European Union Delegation in Tirana, Open Society Foundation and Friedrich Ebert Foundation for Albania have continued to support the European Integration School for the fourth year by providing not only financial support but also consulting services for the topics and international experts and as well for the visibility of the EIS.

This year European Integration School

The EIS 2019, attracted higher interest as we have received 182 applications with a broad diversity and area of expertise. 35 participants with a strong background on EU Integration matters were selected after a thorough scrutiny of the evaluating committee. In figures this year EIS has:

- 11 participants from line ministries and their sub-ordinates institutions;
- 5 participants from independent institutions;
- 3 participants from academia area;
- 6 representatives from the civil society organisations;
- 4 participants from municipalities;
- 3 journalists;
- 3 participants from the parliament.
This second edition of the EIS has an increased number of distinguished international and national experts. These experts in an interdisciplinary approach will allow all ranges of participants to deepen their knowledge on a wide category of issues pertaining to European integration. There is a natural combination of expertise from the region, researchers and professors, journalists. Concrete models of countries that have recently joint the EU, will be an added value for the participants to make the process requirements more concrete. Furthermore, the topics that will be delivered this year are broader in compared to the last year EIS. This year EIS pays specific focus to communication on EU issues that is essential element for the public at large.

Main topics of the EIS 2019 are:

- EU accession prospects, challenges and negotiation strategies (the case of Croatia and Montenegro);
- Instruments of Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), Project Development and Negotiation of Chapter 22;
- Advocacy in negotiation process, legal approximation, the role of civil society in negotiation process;
- EU enlargement of Western Balkans;
- Berlin Process and Regional Cooperation of Western Balkans.
**Lectures short bio**

**Mr. Sokol Dedja** is a career diplomat who holds the diplomatic rank of Minister Counsellor. Since 30 January 2019, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, in charge of accession of Albania to the EU, including the preparatory work for accession negotiations. For sixteen years he has been dealing with Albania’s relations with the European Union. Mr. Dedja was the Director for EU Affairs (2016 – 2019). Between 2013-2016 he was the Head of Sector for Political Dialogue with the EU, Advisor in the Ministry for European Integration (2011-2013), Counsellor in the Mission of Albania to the European Union in Brussels (2006-2011), and expert of the EU Integration Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2003-2006). Sokol Dedja holds a doctoral degree in political science (2012) from the University of Ghent, Belgium with a dissertation that examines the external impact of the EU immigration policy. He completed an M.A. in European Studies from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom (2003) and Bachelor in Modern European History (2000), University of Naples Federico II, Italy. He has published articles on the topic of the external impact of EU policies in several international peer-reviewed journals, such as European Journal of Migration and Law, East European Politics and Societies, Journal of Southeast Europe and Black Sea Studies.

**Ms. Monika Bylaite** is the Deputy Head of Mission at the EU Delegation to Albania, where she is heading the Political, Economic and Information Section. She is an EU official, working for EU institutions for the last ten years. She joined European Commission's External Relations Directorate General in 2009 and then moved to the European External Action Service where she has been working since, covering i.a. EU-Russia relations, Eastern Partnership, energy, and human rights issues. During 2012-2014 Monika was a member of the HRVP Catherine Ashton's Cabinet, where she was responsible for Russia, Eastern Neighbourhood, Western Balkans and Turkey. Prior to joining the EU institutions, Monika worked for an economic think tank in Lithuania as well as a think tank working on international public opinion issues in Washington, DC. Monika is Lithuanian and has been living and working in Albania since 2017.
Mr. Aleksandar Andrija Pejović has more than 19 years of project management and institutional building experience in international affairs, European affairs, government initiatives, strategy drafting and public administration reform, EU and other international projects in Montenegro and the Western Balkans on various positions as Minister of European Affairs, Chief Negotiator, State Secretary for European Integration, National Coordinator for the Instrument for Pre-Accession, Ambassador of Montenegro to the EU as well as a diplomat holding key positions in the Montenegrin MFA. More than 10 years of leadership experience at the Government of Montenegro, EU, WB projects, as well as management experience in Government by leading a number of Government bodies, such as Negotiation Team, National Commission for European Integration, or being a member of the member of various Government working groups on the reform processes Montenegro has been conducting in order to join the EU such as the College for Negotiations, Rule of Law Council, where he extensively negotiated chapters 23 and 24, as well as the PAR Council. As Chief Negotiator responsible for the establishment and setting up of the negotiation structure of Montenegro of over 1300 people he prepared and oversaw the opening of 30 and closing of 3 chapters of the acquis as well as oversaw the programming of €225 M of national IPA I funds for the period 2007-2013; as well as the €270,5 M of IPA II 2004-2020 funds, together with all bilateral, regional and transnational programmes Montenegro has been participating in.

Ms. Ružica Gelo is an expert with 20 years of professional experience in the fields of EU integration and policies. Ružica started her career at the Croatian Ministry of Agriculture. After supporting the negotiations for Croatia's accession to the World Trade Organization, she was appointed as the Head of Unit for EU and Trade Integration within the Ministry. Among others, she served as Member of Croatian delegation for conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the Republic of Croatia and European Communities; Member of the delegation for conclusion of Free Trade Agreements; Member of the delegation for conclusion of the Agreement on the Accession of the Republic of Croatia to CEFTA. She was also tasked with drafting the national plan for the accession of Republic of Croatia to the EU and was responsible for monitoring implementation of obligation raising from SAA on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture. Ružica also served as head of the Project Implementation Unit, responsible for the programming and implementation of pre-accession projects. In 2005, Ružica was appointed as Negotiator for the Chapters 11 "Agriculture and rural development", 12 "Food safety, veterinary and phyto-sanitary policy", 13 "Fisheries" and 28 "Consumer and Health Protection". For more than 10 years, Ružica worked for the Croatian Chamber of Economy. As adviser to the president of the Chamber for the EU accession, she was providing technical advice on the EU accession negotiations in the area of agriculture. As Director of the EU Center and then Director of International Affairs Sector, she was coordinating EU funded.
Mr. Srdjan Majstorovic is the Chairman of the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre - CEP. Since December 2017 he is a member of the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG), public advocacy group dedicated to promotion of the EU integration process of the Western Balkans region. Mr. Majstorovic is also member of the Governing Board of the Open Society Foundation in Serbia. Previously Mr. Majstorovic was Deputy Director of the European Integration Office of the Government of Serbia (2005-2017). He also worked in the Department for European Integration of the Ministry of International Economic Relations of the Republic of Serbia (2003-2004), as well as in the Department for European Integration and Multilateral Cooperation in the Region with the former Federal Ministry of International Economic Relations of the FRY (2001-2003) where he was responsible for regional cooperation initiatives and organizations. Mr. Majstorovic was a member of the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union in charge of political criteria for the EU accession and chapters 23 - Judiciary and fundamental rights and 24 - Justice, freedom and security. He graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade, Department of International Relations, and attained his MA degree at the University of Graz, Karl-Franzens Faculty of Law, Department of European Integration and Regionalism.

Ms. Edina Halapi has been working nearly 20 years in the Western Balkans dealing with institutional reforms.

In the last 10 years, she has worked for the European Commission at the EU Delegation of North Macedonia and Albania.

Edina currently covers EU assistance programming, management and coordination at the Delegation in Tirana.
Dr. Florent Marciacq is Research Fellow and Deputy Secretary General of the Vienna-based Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe and Senior Fellow at the Centre international de formation européenne in Berlin and Nice. He is the cofounder and coordinator of the following think-tank initiatives: the “Western Balkans Reflection Forum”, launched in support of the Berlin process, and “Eastern Partnership Reflection Forum”, launched in Minsk in 2017. Florent Marciacq holds a Ph.D. in political sciences from the University of Vienna and Luxembourg. He previously worked as an Associate Researcher at the European Governance Research Group of the University of Luxembourg, OSCE Researcher in residence in Prague and Guest researcher at the Austrian Defence Academy in Vienna. He teaches European politics and regularly publishes academic peer-reviewed contributions, think-tank policy-papers and articles in the press. Recent publications include: Solidarity in Accession. A new Approach to Integrating the Western Balkans into a Stronger European Union. Sarajevo: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (in press); Where to now for Enlargement? Key Challenges to Western Balkans’ accession into a Brexiting European Union. CIFE Policy Papers 82 (2019). The European Union and its Eastern Partners: Beyond the Limits of Current Approaches to Regional Cooperation. IAI Documenti 18(2) (2018, co-authored by Tobias Flessenkemper).

Mrs. Eglantina Gollaj has more than 15 years of experience in European Union integration, especially in managing EU funds. She worked for more than 10 years in the Ministry of European Integration of Albania. She has been Head of National IPA Coordinator (NIPAC) Office, responsible to support the National IPA coordinator in managing the EU funds for Albania, with a portfolio of around 85 mln of Euro each year. Her experience is extended with international organization such as Council of Europe and UNDP, in the position of Programme manager. She is a certified trainer on EU integration issues and management of EU funds and contributed from 10 years as a trainer to Albanian School of Public Administration, as well as other national and international organizations in central and local level. Eglantina is a lecturer at University of Tirana. She is graduated in Political Science and hold two master degrees, one in Public administration and the other in Governance and territorial development. She is the author of several papers such as: “Budget support as a tool to implement EU funds”, “IPA- what Albania has really benefited from it”?!，“EU financial assistance in public administration sector in Albania”, “European Parliament- the institution of EU citizens”, “Stabilization and Association Agreement for Albania: the rights and the duties” and coauthor in “Glossary on structures, policies and institutions of European Union”. From April 2017, she is Programme manager at UNDP office in Tirana.
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Valbona Sulçe (Kolgeci) is freelance journalist since 2001 and she is as well a media expert by including here the gender issues. She is currently also a Member of the Steering Council, Albanian Public Radio Television. She began her career on Arberia television in 1997, after completing her studies at the Department of Language and Literature, in the University of Tirana. She has been very popular during the Kosovo war with the marathon show "War or Peace in Kosovo", which was proclaimed the best television program of 1999. She has repeatedly published in the press of the time and in the period 2012-2017 moved the publicity activity to the blog “the fourth day" at Shqiptarja.com. She is the author of a number of media studies and three journalism guides: “Reporting Diversity”, “A Gender-Based Reporting Guide”, and “A Guide to Reporting Trafficking in Women and Girls”. In 2015 she published the book with publicist notes “Albania in the palace”. She has worked as a lecturer at the Faculty of Journalism at various public and private universities and as a trainer at the Albanian Media Institute. She holds a Master's Degree in European Studies from the University of Tirana and is in the process of obtaining a Doctor of Science degree from the Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Tirana.
Day 1, November 18, 2019

Venue: Albanian Parliament

EU accession prospects

Moderator: Mr. Gentian Elezi

11.30 – 11.40: Registration of the participants

11.40 - 12.10 Welcoming and opening remarks

Mrs. Rudina Hajdari, Chairwoman of the National Committee of European Integration

Mr. Taulant Balla, Deputy Chairman of the National Committee of European Integration

H.E. Mr. Luigi Soreca, Head of European Union Delegation to Albania

Mr. Genci Gjonçaj, Secretary General of the Parliament

Mr. Andi Dobrushi, Executive Director of OSFA

Ms. Stine Klapper, Executive Director of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Tirana

12.10 - 12.20 Questions and Answers

12.20 – 12.40: Coffee Break

12.40 – 13.05 EU integration in Albania – state of play after the European Council and next steps"

Mr. Sokol Dedja, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

13:05 – 13.30 EU integration in Albania – state of play after the European Council and next steps"

Ms. Monika Bylaite, Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to Albania.

13.30 – 14.30: Lunch break

Ms. Ruzica Gelo, Former Member of Croatia’s negotiation group. Negotiator of chapter 11, 12, 13 and 28 of the *acquis*.

15.20-15.30 Questions and Answers


Mr. Aleksandar Andrija Pejovic, Former Chief Negotiator for Montenegro’s Accession to the European Union.

16.10 – 16.30 Open discussions and closing of Day 1

**Day 2, November 19, 2019**

Venue: Albanian Parliament

EU funding and project development

Moderator: Mr. Armand Skapi

9.00 - 10.15: Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance of European Union.

Ms. Edina Halapi, Program Manager at the Delegation of the European Union to Albania.

10.15 - 11.00: Questions and Answers

10.30 – 11.00: Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.45: Negotiating Chapter 22 of the Acquis.

Ms. Ruzica Gelo, Former Member of Croatia’s negotiation group. Negotiator of chapter 11, 12, 13 and 28 of the *acquis*.

12.45 - 13.00: Questions and Answers

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 16.15 Developing a project proposal for EU Funding and monitoring process.

Mrs. Eglantina Gollaj, Expert on EU funds.

16.15 – 16.30 Questions and Answers
16.30 – 17.00: Wrap up of Day 2

Day 3, November 20, 2019

Venue: Albanian Parliament

**Moderator:** Ms. Ardita Shehaj

Advocacy, role of civil society in negotiation process and EU legal approximation

9.30 – 11.15 Advocacy in negotiation process.

Mr. Srdan Majstorovic chairman of the European Policy Centre (CEP).

11.15 - 11.30: Questions and Answers

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.00 Role of Civil Society in the negotiation process.

Mr. Igor Vidacak, University Professor, International Consultant.

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch break

14.00 – 16.15: Acquis and Legal approximation, different technics in legal approximation,

How to complete a table of concordance.

Mr. Michele Dinelli, Legal advisor for the transposition of EU and international law and the implementation of EU Association Agreements.

16.15 - 16.30: Questions and Answers

16.30 – 17.00: Wrap up of Day 3

Day 4, November 21, 2019

Venue: Albanian Parliament

**Moderator:** Ms. Edlira Gjoni

EU enlargement of WB Countries, challenges of being part of the European Union and the role of Media in integration process
09.00 – 11.00: “The Western Balkans in the European Union? The need for a more strategic engagement”.

Dr. Florent Marciacq. Deputy Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna.

11.00 -11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45 “The Western Balkans in the European Union? The need for a more strategic engagement”.

Dr. Florent Marciacq. Deputy Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna.

12.45 - 13.00 Questions and Answers

13.00 - 14.00: Lunch break

14.00 – 15.15 “Multi speed Europe or differentiated integration. Challenges of being part of the European Union”.

Mr. Marco Baldassari, Scientific Director, the European College of Parma Foundation

15.15: 16.15 The role of media and public information on the benefits and costs of the integration process”.

Ms. Valbona Sulce, Journalist

16.15 - 16.30: Questions and Answers

16.30 – 17.00: Wrap up of Day 4

Day 5, November 22, 2019

EU Integration and regional cooperation / Western Balkans / Berlin Process

Venue: Europe House

Moderator: Mrs. Eralda Methasani (Cani)

9.00 – 10.45 Berlin Process and regional cooperation

Mr. Dr. Ioannis Armakolas, Senior Research Fellow & Head of the South-East Europe Programme, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP); Assistant Professor, University of Macedonia.
10.45 - 11.00: Questions and Answers

11.00 – 12.00: Closing the School and distribution of the certificates.

Mrs. Rudina Hajdari, Chairwoman of the National Committee of European Integration.

Mr. Taulant Balla, Deputy Chairman of the National Committee of European Integration.

Mr. Genci Gjonçaj, Secretary General of the Parliament.

Mr. Sylvain Gambert, Deputy Head of the Political Section at EU-Albania

13.30: Group photo and Buffet /Europe House.
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EU institutions

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http://www.cife.eu/
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https://euobserver.com/

Berlin Process links

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