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and the impacts on regional and  
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**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 09:00 hrs - 12:30 hrs**  
**Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
**Large hall (Velika sala), 1<sup>st</sup> floor**  
**Trg BiH 1, 71 000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**Simultaneous Translation:**

Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian and English Language



## **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016:**

Conference venue: Parliamentary Assembly, Velika sala (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **08:30 hrs Registration**

### **09:00 hrs Opening Address**

**Moderation:** Vesna Andree-Zaimović, Journalist, Radio Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Franz Schausberger**, Member of the Committee of the Regions and Chairman of the Working Group Western Balkans, President of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), Salzburg, Austria

**Elmedin Konaković**, Prime Minister, Canton Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Mirko Šarović**, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Vice Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**H.E. Lars-Gunnar Wigemark**, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation to BiH and EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**H.E. Martin Pammer**, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **09:45 hrs**

### **Podium I: „Bosnia and Herzegovina - getting prepared for Europe“**

**Moderation:** Vesna Andree Zaimović, Journalist, Radio Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Brigitte Heuel-Rolf**, Director, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Elvis Kondžić**, Advisor to the Chairman of Council of Ministers BiH, long-time partner and former associate of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Sigmund Nemeti**, Austrian Trade Commissioner, Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Alexander Picker**, Chief Executive Officer, Komercijalna banka a.d. Beograd, Serbia

**H.E. Miloš Prica**, National Coordinator of the Central European Initiative (CEI), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **10:45 hrs Networking Coffee Break**

### **11:15 hrs**

### **Podium II: „Main Challenges for Regions and Cities when implementing EU integration“ - Best Practice Examples**

**Moderation:** Vesna Andree-Zaimović, Journalist, Radio Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Daniela Drobná**, The Union and Town of Slovakia (UTCS), Bratislava, Slovakia

**Siniša Lazić**, Director from EU Funds, Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Novi Sad, Serbia

**Ivo Branimir Piry**, Former State Undersecretary, Expert on EU Integration and International Development, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Eva Sobotik-Pavan**, Head of Department for European Affairs, International and Regional co-operation, Karlovac County, Croatia

**Mihaela Stanescu**, Head of the Institutional Cooperation and Foreign Relations Department, Arad County Council, Romania

### **12:30 hrs End of Conference**

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