

THE BALKANS & GLOBAL SECURITY:

WHAT DO WE HAVE
IN COMMON
WHAT SETS US APART?

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BELGRADE
SECURITY
FORUM



Two decades ago the Balkan region was considered to be, not for the first time in its history, the powder keg of Europe. Today, it is regarded as a success story in the making. The region is no longer conflict ridden, but the political and security transition towards liberal democracy and sustainable peace is yet to be consolidated. One of the prerequisites for this transition to be brought to a successful and irreversible conclusion is to build a

genuine security community composed of peoples and states of the region. This can be achieved only through a region-wide debate about the burning issues in the Balkans, carried out by political leaders and members of the international community, civil society and research community.

The purpose of the Belgrade Security Forum is threefold: to bring the European and global security

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PANEL 1

Global Security Challenges

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Threats to European Security

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Women Leaders in the Security Sector

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The Balkans: from security problem to security partner

debate to the Balkans; to discuss Balkan security issues within the European and global security framework; and, to present Balkan achievements and dilemmas to the participants in the European and global security debate. The Forum wishes to become a place where the Balkan policy makers and those who influence public opinion, as well as members of the academic community and civil society, meet with their counterparts from other

parts of the world in order to exchange views on pressing security issues of the day.

The organisers of the Belgrade Security Forum will do their best to turn it into an important regional event that will contribute in a meaningful way not only to the development of the security community in the region, but also to the ongoing European and global security debates.

PRE-EVENT

Belgrade Security Seminar for Young Researchers

A pre-conference event will be organised for young researchers and leaders so that they, too, may have an opportunity to discuss the issues on the conference agenda. The selection of these participants will be based on the review of the paper the applicants are required to submit ahead of the conference. Significant insights from the Seminar will be included in the reports that will be presented at the plenary sessions and/or working group meetings of the Security Forum. Selected papers will be published in the Western Balkans Security Observer, academic journal of the Belgrade Center for Security Policy.

HOST ORGANISATIONS



Beogradski fond za političku izuzetnost
Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

The **Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence** is a non-profit and non-partisan organisation devoted to capacity building of decision and opinion makers who will steer Serbia towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration. Programme activities aim at institution building, strengthening the human capital of political and public leaders, and regional cooperation. Founded in 2003, the BFPE is part of the Network of Schools of Political Studies operating under the auspices of the Council of Europe.



Beogradski centar za bezbednosnu politiku

The **Belgrade Centre for Security Policy** is a non-profit association of citizens. It was founded in 1997, with an overall aim of research into the full relationship between military and society, from a standpoint of modern thinking and practicing of individual, national, regional and global security. For that purpose, the Centre specifically deals with the problems of security sector reform and armed forces in transition and post-conflict countries.



Evropski pokret
Srbija

The **European Movement in Serbia** is an independent and voluntarily organisation of the citizens of Serbia. It was founded on November 24, 1992 as a non-governmental, non-party and not-profit organisation. EMinS is an independent institution of the democratic public and a citizens' organisation that advocates for peaceful, democratic and full European integration and a democratic and modern Serbia as part of Europe.