

18 March 2011

“The Western Balkans in the Realm of the 2011 Hungarian EU
Presidency: The Way Forward”

Central European University, Auditorium
22 March 2011

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA:

PART I:

09.00

OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME SESSION

Mr. Péter Balázs, Director of CENS/former Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Hungary

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

Mr. János Hóvári, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Hungary

“Support to the joint strategic goal for a European future of the
Western Balkans: EU and Hungarian presidency’s perspective”

10.00

PANEL I. The Western Balkans then and now: What prevents it
from catching up and why?

CHAIR

Mr. Tibor Várady, University Professor, Legal Studies Department, CEU

Participants:

- Mr. Damjan Krnjević Mišković, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Serbia
- Mr. Milan Begović, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro
- Ms. Agneza Rusi, Director of the EU Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Macedonia
- Mr. Gary D. Robbins, Head of OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Ms. Jelica Minić, Deputy Secretary General and Head of Expert Pool, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Johannes Eigner, Acting Director General for European Affairs, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

Q&A SESSION

12.30 BUFFET LUNCH

PART II:

13.30 KEY NOTE ADDRESS
Mr. John Shattuck, President and Rector, Central European University

“Developments in the region since the Dayton Peace Agreement: The best way of moving forward”

14.00	<u>PANEL II. A collective will as the key solution: A better use of regional cooperation in the future</u>
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CHAIR

Mr. József Pandur, Regional Director for SEE, Political Capital

Participants:

- Mr. Davor Vidiš, Director General for Neighboring Countries and SEE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Croatia
- Mr. Branimir Mandić, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Delfin Pllana, Minister Advisor, Kosovo Embassy in Budapest, Hungary
- Mr. Mitja Štrukelj, National Coordinator for the Western Balkans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

- Mr. Mihailo Crnobrnja, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Economics, Finances and Administration, Belgrade, Serbia
- Mr. Milan Nič, Special Advisor to the State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia

Q&A SESSION

16.30

CLOSING SESSION

Mr. Péter Balázs, Director of CENS/former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary