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Poland and the Balkans in Europe - Successes and Challenges

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Opening ceremony

9.15 - 9.45

Prof. Goran Ilik, Dean of the Faculty of Law at University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola

Prof. Sasho Korunovski, Rector of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola

Dr Toni Konjanovski, Mayor of Bitola

Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski, University of Warsaw

H.E. Mr. Wojciech Tyciński, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in North Macedonia

Mrs. Bisera Kostadinovska-Stojcevska, Minister of Culture of North Macedonia

Panel 1

9.45-11.15

Poland and the Balkan States in the Face of Global Security Challenges

Chair: Prof. Goran Ilik (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska (Centre for International Relations)

Poland in NATO

Prof. Ice Ilijevski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Regional security system - challenges for the Balkan states

Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk (University of Warsaw)

Great Powers competition on the Balkans

Prof. Laura-Maria Herta and Prof. Delia Pop-Flanja (Babes-Bolyai University)

The Western Balkans – identity building and EU integration

Prof. Marko Savić (University of Montenegro)

Perspectives of Poland's strategic engagement with the Western Balkans.

View from Montenegro

Panel 2

11.30 - 13.00

Poland's Successes in the Implementation of Political and Economic Reforms

Chair: Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski (University of Warsaw)

Prof. Jacek Wojnicki (University of Warsaw)

Transformation of the political system in Poland

Prof. Mladen Karadzovski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Reform of the public administration system in North Macedonia

Agnieszka Ostrowska (Centre for International Relations)

Successes in the reform of local administration in Poland

Prof. Bojana Naumovska (University of "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" Skopje)

Evolution of Macedonian elections regulations - How to encourage citizens to be active?

Dr. Aleksandra Borowicz (University of Gdańsk)

Poland's successes in the use of EU funds

Lunch

13.00 – 14.00

Panel 3

14.00-15.15

Poland's Socio-Political Achievements as an Inspiration for Changes in the Balkan States

Chair: Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk (University of Warsaw)

Prof. Marko Babić (University of Warsaw)

How the societies of the Balkan states perceive their international security?

Prof. Tomasz Stepniewski (Institute of Central Europe, Lublin)

Poland in subregional cooperation structures:

Leader of the Visegrad Group and the Three Seas Initiative

Prof. Ivan Ilic (University of Niš)

Challenges in relations between Serbia and European Union

Dr. Milka Dimitrovska (University of "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" Skopje)

Effectiveness and perspectives of the Macedonian regional development policy:

Lessons from Poland

Panel 4

15.15 - 16.30

Poland as a Leader of Social and Cultural Changes

Chair: Prof. Mladen Karadzovski (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Dorota Jurkiewicz– Eckert (University of Warsaw)

Telling Poland to the world: tasks and challenges for Polish cultural diplomacy

Prof. Elena Tilovska-Kechedji (University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Bitola)

Polish experience and influence in shaping the Western Balkan future

Prof. Adrian-Gabriel Corpadean and Prof. Mihaela Oprescu (Babes-Bolyai University)

A critical analysis of Romania's justice reform(s) amid its EU integration endeavours. Takeaways for the Western Balkans

Dr. Artur Adamczyk and Dr. Małgorzata Pacek (University of Warsaw)

Evolution of Polish Migration Policy – Experiences and challenges

Closing remarks

16.30

Prof. Goran Ilik and Prof. Kamil Zajączkowski

17.00-18.00

**Cocktail reception hosted by H. E. Ambassador of Poland
in North Macedonia**