

Functional cross-border regions as engines of EU integration of the Western Balkans

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AGENDA

10.00 Greetings

- Mr **Olivér Várhelyi**, Commissioner of Neighbourhood and Enlargement
- Mrs **Jadranka Joksimović**, Minister of European Integration, Serbia (tbc)
- Mrs **Alina Tatarenko**, Head of the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance, Council of Europe
- Mr **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, president of Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
- Mr **Tamás Tóth**, chair of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (CESCI)



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10.45 „As it began...” - 5 years in the service of trust building in the Western Balkans

- Ms **Ana Nikolov** (AEBR Balkans) and Mr **Ervin Erős** (CESCI Balkans) [joint presentation]

11.00 Functional regions and integrated cross-border cooperation as means of trust building

- Mr **Andreas Faludi**, professor emeritus of Delft University of Technology
- Mr **Kai Böhme**, partner and director of Spatial Foresight
- Mr **Daniele del Bianco**, director, Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia (ISIG)
- Mr **Siniša Trkulja**, advisor, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Serbia

Discussion

12.15 „Back to the future...” – Future perspectives of cross-border cooperation on the Western Balkans

- Mrs **Majlinda Bregu**, secretary general, Regional Cooperation Council (tbc)
- Mr **Martin Guillermo-Ramírez**, secretary general, of Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

12.30 Closure - End of the Conference