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Tuesday 26 June

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

No organised transfers between the airport and the hotel

ACCOMMODATION Holiday Inn Skopje
Str. Filip Vtori Makedonski 5, 1000 Skopje
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SEMINAR VENUE Cupola, Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
11 Oktomvri, b.b., Skopje 1000

Evening Free

Wednesday 27 June

8:00-8:35	Registration of participants staying at the Holiday Inn, in the lobby Registration of participants not staying at the holiday Inn, of local observers and local guest speakers will take place inside the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
8:35	Departure by foot to the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
8:45	Arrival at the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
9:00	Seating of participants

OPENING SESSION

Moderator: **Ilija DIMOVSKI**, Head of the Delegation of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the NATO PA

Opening addresses by:

9:10-9:15 **Ilija DIMOVSKI**, Head of the Delegation of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the NATO PA

9:15-9:30 **Talat XHAFERI**, President of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia including Q&A

9:30-9:35 **Paolo ALLI**, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

9:35-9:40 **Sybille SUTER TEJADA**, Ambassador of Switzerland to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

9:40-10:00 **Zoran ZAEV**, Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia including Q&A

Keynote address by:

10:00-10:20 Key note address by **James W. PARDEW**, Former US Special Envoy in the Balkans and NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Operations

10:20-10:45 Q&A

10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**

SESSION I **Strengthening the Rule of Law, Reform in the Administration and Judiciary, and Fighting Corruption**

Moderator: **Vitalino CANAS (Portugal)**, Vice-President of the NATO PA (tbc)

11:00-11:10 Address by **Renata DESKOSKA**, Minister of Justice of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

11:10-11:30 Discussion

Panel Discussion

11:30-11:40 **Erwan FOUERE**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies

11:40-11:50 **Marija RISTESKA**, President, Center for Research and Policy Making

11:50-12:20 Discussion

12:20-14:00 **Lunch (not organised)**

SESSION II **Good Neighbourly Relations and Stability in the Western Balkans: Building Measures of Mutual Trust**

Moderator: **Vesel MEMEDI**, Vice-President of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Member of the Delegation to the NATO PA

14:00-14:10 Address by **Nikola DIMITROV**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

14:10-14:30 Discussion

Panel Discussion: Perspectives from the Neighbours

Moderator: **Paolo ALLI**, President of the NATO PA

14:30-16:00 **Dusanka DIVJAK-TOMIC**, Ambassador
Ylber HYSA, Ambassador
Fatos REKA, Ambassador
Daniela BOUDINOVA, Deputy Head of Mission

16:00-16:15 **Coffee Break**

SESSION III **The Migration Crisis and the Balkan Route**

Moderator: **Afrim GASHI**, Alternate Member of the Delegation of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the NATO PA

16:15-16:25 **Oliver SPASOVSKI**, Minister of the Interior of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

16:25-16:35 **Sasa VALADZIJA**, Officer-In-Charge of the Operations in the United Nations Refugee Agency Representation in Skopje (UNHCR)

16:35-16:45 **Aleksandar TODOSIEV**, Head of Section for International Cooperation, Ministry of Interior, National Coordinator, Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI)

16:45-17:45 Discussion

17:45 Reception hosted by **Talat XHAFERI**, President of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Thursday 28 June

SESSION IV NATO's Aspirants in the Western Balkans: The Way Forward

Moderator: **Katerina KUZMANOVSKA**, Member of the Delegation of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the NATO PA

9:30-9:40 Address by **Radmila SEKERINSKA**, Minister of Defence, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

9:40-10:10 Discussion

Panel Discussion

10:10-10:20 **Stevo PNDAROVSKI**, National Coordinator for the preparation for NATO membership

10:20-10:30 **Josip BRKIC**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

10:30-10:40 **Danijela BARISIC**, Ambassador of Croatia to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, NATO Contact Point Embassy

10:40-10:50 **Ismet RAMADANI**, President of the Euro-Atlantic Council, Skopje

10:50-11:45 Discussion

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

SESSION V Defence and Security Sector Reforms

Moderator: **Marc REMILLARD**, Programme Manager, Southeast Europe Division, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF)

12:00-12:10 **Dragan LOZANCIC**, Senior Expert, on *Aspects of Intelligence Sector Reform in Light of Euro-Atlantic Integration*

12:10-12:20 **Teodora FUIOR**, Project Coordinator, Southeast Europe Division, DCAF on *Security Sector Accountability in Regional Euro-Atlantic Integration Processes*

12:20-13:15 Discussion

13:15-15:00 Lunch (not organised)

SESSION VI From Skopje to Brussels: Next Steps in the European Integration Process

Moderator: **Emil DIMITRIEV**, Alternate Member of the Delegation of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the NATO PA

15:00-15:10 Address by **Bujar OSMANI**, Vice Prime Minister in charge of European Integration for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

15:10-15:30 Discussion

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

Panel Discussion

15:45-15:55 **Lukas HOLUB**, Head of Political and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

15:55-16:05 **Judy DEMPSEY**, Nonresident Senior Fellow at Carnegie Europe and Editor in Chief of Strategic Europe

16:05-17:00 Discussion

Evening Free

Friday 29 June

SESSION VII The State of the Media Landscape in the Western Balkans: The Influence of Disinformation and Misinformation in the Creation of Public Opinion

Moderator: **Maria MARTENS (Netherlands)**, Chairperson of the Science and Technology Committee of the NATO PA

9:30-9:40 Address by **Robert POPOVSKI**, Minister without Portfolio in charge of Communications, Accountability and Transparency

9:40-10:10 Discussion

Panel discussion

10:10-10:20 **Sinisa-Jakov MARUSIC**, Journalist Balkan Insight/Balkan Investigative Reporting Network

10:20-10:30 **Nemanja TODOROVIC STIPLIJA**, Editor-in-Chief, European Western Balkans

10:30-11:15 Discussion

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

SESSION VIII Interethnic Relations in the Western Balkans

Moderator: **Ahmet Berat CONKAR (Turkey)**, Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations of the NATO PA (tbc)

11:30-11:40 **Hazbi LIKA**, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Ohrid Framework Agreement Implementation, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

11:40-12:00 Discussion

12:00-12:10 **Veton LATIFI**, Professor, University of South-East Europe

12:10-12:20 **Zvezdana KOVAC**, Executive Director of the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe

12:20-13:00 Discussion

13:00-13:05 Closing remarks by **Ilija DIMOVSKI**, Head of the Delegation of the Assembly of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the NATO PA

13:05-13:10 Closing remarks by a NATO PA representative

13:10-15:00 Lunch not organised

Excursion to Tetovo & Matka Canyon

15:00 Departure from the Holiday Inn Hotel by bus

16:00 Tour of the **Colorful Mosque of Tetovo** and tea

16:30 Departure to the **Matka Canyon**

17:00 Arrival at the **Monastery of the Holy mother of GOD**
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By foot to the **Saint Andrew Monastery**

18:00 Hosted Dinner at the Restaurant Canyon Matka
Str. 1 Bb Village, Dolna Matka 100

19:30 Departure to the Hotel Holiday Inn

20:00 Arrival at the hotel

Saturday 30 June

Departure of Participants

No organised transfers between the airport and the hotel