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The Independent Policy Research and the Reform of Policy Process in the Western Balkans- What role for Think Tanks?

October 20- 21, 2010
Belgrade, Hotel Zira
(Ruzveltova 35)

PROGRAMME

Day one, October 20th, Wednesday

9:00 – 18:00 Closed Workshop with the Think and Link Grantees
Venue: Hotel Zira

From 20.00 Dinner

(Research Fellows of the European Fund for the Balkans will be presented to the participants of the seminar)

Day two, October 21st, Thursday

9.30 - 10.00 Welcome and Opening remarks

Nicolo Rusoperez- Steering Committee Member of the European Fund for the Balkans,
Programme officer, Compagnia di San Paolo

Igor Bandovic – Programme Manager, European Fund for the Balkans

10.00 - 11.00 Western Balkans and the EU - State of Affairs

Rosa Balfour, senior analyst, - European Policy Centre

Objective: To present recent trends and the prospects of the European Integration Agenda with special focus on Copenhagen Criteria.

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00 Public Policy in the Western Balkans: Whose Ownership?

Objective: This session should highlight the status of the public policy in the region. Who is creating public policy, who can influence the public policy, is it public or private sphere, to what extent the countries of the region have the open and participatory government.

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Moderator: Maja Djuric, research associate, ODI/RAPID

Panelists: Sonja Stojanovic, director, Belgrade Centre for Security Policies, Sanel Huskic, director, ACIPS, Gledis Gjipali, executive director, European Movement in Albania

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00 - 15.30 How Think Tanks Can Be More Effective- Lessons from Central Europe

Moderator: Goran Buldioski*, Programme Director, Think Tank Fund, Open Society Institute, Hungary

Panelists: Laura Stefan- programme coordinator, Romanian Academic Society, Bucurest, Romania, Ctibor Kostal- Slovak Governance Institute, executive director, Bratislava Slovakia, Sebastian Leclef, Executive director, CASE, Poland*

Objective: To present concrete examples of effectiveness of the think tanks in the region of the Central or in the similar environment.

15.30 -16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30 The Reform of Policy Processes in the Western Balkans: From Great Ideas to Concrete Steps Forward in the Reform Agenda

Objective:

Moderator: Nicolo Russo Perez, Compagnia di San Paolo, Torino, Italy

Panelists: Vladimir Todoric- Center for a New Policy, Belgrade, Serbia, Aaron Presnall - Director, Jefferson Institute, Belgrade, Serbia, Engjellushe Morina, executive director, Kosovo Stability Initiative

17.30 - 18.00 Conclusions

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¹ The seminar proceedings are in English. The translation is not secured.