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Discussion Paper

In order to implement its Programme of Work for 2019, and to fulfil expectations of its stakeholders, ReSPA is organising the Summer School on European Integration. The Summer School will be held in Danilovgrad (Montenegro) at ReSPA premises from 01 to 05 July 2019.

The purpose of this activity is to improve knowledge and professional skills of participants working on EU affairs related to the accession talks, and to provide them with opportunity to network with colleagues from the region.

The objectives of the ReSPA Summer School on European integration are:

- To improve and update knowledge and understanding of the EU, as wider context, with a focus on the latest developments – results of the elections for European Parliament, the new EU initiatives for the Western Balkans, current debate on “new”, post-Brexit Europe, the most contended issues and policies during the process of re-defining shape of the EU, the causes and consequences of ongoing challenges of EU;
- To provide the experts analysis of results of May’s election for European Parliament and vision of potential options for the future of Enlargement policy;
- To deepen the knowledge on accession negotiation process and negotiation technics, and understanding of the issues covered by particular negotiation Chapters, to learn from concrete experience of particular countries;
- To equipped participants with concrete experience form Croatia with lessons learned on utilization of EU pre-accession support and utilization of post-accession structural and cohesion funds;
- To provide better inside on new EU Financial Framework for period 2021-2027, and plans for future Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance;



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- To inform the participants of the state of affairs in the region regarding the process of accession negotiation, and preparation for the negotiation, and to derive common lessons from the various experiences;
- To inform the participants of the efforts of the civil society organizations in monitoring the EI process and advocating for sustainable implementation of the reforms in order to secure the “substantial social changes” in the region;
- To gain deeper knowledge of new initiatives from CSOs regarding the improvement of European integration process;
- To equip participants on the most important economic repercussions of EU integration process, on the level of economic convergency between Western Balkans and EU, on the experiences, achievements and challenges in improvements of regional trade in Western Balkans, and current activities organised under umbrella of Regional Economic Area (REA);
- To build connections among participants for future regional cooperation, in light of fact that the improvement of the regional cooperation is fundamental to the accession process of the regional aspirants for EU membership.

Summer Schools’ expected outcomes

In result, the participants:

- Will have profound understanding of the processes of change in the European Union and their implications on the enlargement policy, which will enable them to approach their assignments with a view of the wider context;
- Will grasp the rationale and identify the details about the concepts and the particular issues comprised in particular negotiation chapters, which will facilitate their daily work;
- Will gain an outlook on the possible challenges, and learn from the experiences of neighbouring countries;
- Will learn of state of affairs regarding European Integration in each of the aspirants to EU Membership across the Western Balkans, and through discussion on the common problems, they will gain various perspectives on the similar situations.

This Summer School will bring together representatives of governmental institutions, senior to mid-level professionals with experience in EU affairs, actively taking part in the European integration processes, from: central EU coordination institutions, ministries in charge of foreign affairs, justice, internal affairs, public administration, finance, offices of Prime Ministers, and from the offices of Chiefs of the SAA/Accession Negotiation Teams, and others actively involved in the European Integration process.

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