

*Policy Forum*

# Tackling State Capture in Southeast Europe

## Delivering on the European Rule of Law Promise

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Hotel Golden Tulip Zira, Belgrade, and [Zoom](#)

*Draft Agenda*

- 9:30 CET**      *Opening remarks*
- Ruslan Stefanov**, Program Director, Center for Study of Democracy  
**Ambassador Jørn Eugene Gjelstad**, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade (tbc)  
**Ambassador Christopher R. Hill**, United States Embassy in Belgrade  
**Tanja Mišćević**, Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia (tbc)  
**Srđan Majstorović**, Chairman of the Governing Board, European Policy Centre, Belgrade
- 9:50 CET**      *Keynote address: Bridging the Gap between Diagnostics and State Capture*
- Viola von Cramon-Taubadel**, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (online)
- 10:00 CET**      *Panel 1: Countering State Capture: Exposing Corruption Risks from Politically Connected Companies*
- Viktoriia Poltoratskaia**, Senior Analyst, Government Transparency Institute, Budapest  
**Dragana Rakić**, Vice President, Democratic Party; Member, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade  
**Prof. Dr. Miroslav Milićević**, former Vice-President, Anti-corruption Council, Belgrade  
**Bart de Brujin**, Project Manager, Embassy of the Netherlands in Belgrade  
**Savo Manojlovic**, activist and a legal expert, Belgrade
- Discussion*
- Moderator: Simona Ernu*, Executive Director, Romanian Academic Society
- 11:20 CET**      *Coffee break*
- 11:40 CET**      *Panel 2: Making Asset Declarations Work: Flagging Illicit Enrichment*
- Daniela Mineva**, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia  
**Desislava Gotskova**, Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, Sarajevo  
**Daniel Belingher**, Head, Service for Implementing Structural Funds, Studies and Strategies, National Integrity Agency, Bucharest  
**Andrew Dornbierer**, Senior Asset Recovery Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance (online)  
**Judge Radmila Dragičević-Dičić**, Supreme Court of Cassation, Belgrade
- Discussion*

*Moderator: Dr. Vanya Petrova*, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for Study of Democracy, Sofia

**13:00 CET**      *Lunch*

**14:00 CET**      *Video address: Towards Reinvigorating Euro-Atlantic Anti-Corruption Cooperation*  
**Krum Zarkov**, Minister of Justice of Bulgaria (online)

**14:10 CET**      *Panel 3: Showcasing Public-Private Partnership Approaches in Southeast Europe*  
**Dr. Alexander Gerganov**, Director, Sociological Program, Center for Study of Democracy  
**Ksenija Mitrović**, Head, Education, Anti-Corruption Plans and Strategy Sector, Agency for Prevention of Corruption of Serbia  
**Radomir Erić**, City Councillor for Economy, City of Kragujevac  
**Aleksandar Đorđević**, National Programme Officer, UNODC, Belgrade

*Discussion*

*Moderator: Andrija Mladenović*, Project Manager, European Policy Centre - CEP

**15:30 CET**      *Coffee break*

**15:50 CET**      *Panel discussion: Exploring Civil Society Perspectives in the Context of the War in Ukraine*  
**Dirk Lorenz**, Head, Political Section, European Union Delegation to Serbia  
**Milena Jenovai**, Project Manager, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption, U.S. Agency for International Development, Belgrade  
**Kateryna Ryzhenko**, Deputy Executive Director for Legal Affairs, Transparency International Ukraine (online)  
**Martina Boguslavets**, Executive Director, Institute of Legislative Ideas, Ukraine  
**Ambassador Gudrun Steinacker**, Vice President, South East Europe Association

*Moderator: Ruslan Stefanov*, Program Director, Center for Study of Democracy

**17:30 CET**      *Closing keynote*  
**Daniel Freund**, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/Europe Free Alliance (online)

*The working language of the forum is English.*

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