SPEAK UP!2
Freedom of Expression and Media in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Thursday 20 June 2013
Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi room, 170 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels

8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
9:00 OPENING

Welcome by Joost Korte, Deputy Director-General for Enlargement

- Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament
- Fergus O'Dowd, Minister of State, Irish Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

10:00 SESSION 1
Freedom of expression and media in the Western Balkans and Turkey: Progress and persisting issues

Moderator: Aidan White, Director, Ethical Journalism Network & former Secretary-General of the International Federation of Journalists

Panellists:
- Andrea Zlatar Violić, Minister of Culture, Croatia
- Fatmir Besimi, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Yavuz Baydar, Columnist, Today’s Zaman daily & Readers Representative, Sabah daily, Turkey
- Tamara Chausidis, President, Independent Union of Journalists and Media Workers, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Vjosa Osmani, Member of the Parliamentary Committee for European Integration, Kosovo*
- Philippe Leruth, Belgian Association of Journalists AJP & former Vice-President of the European Federation of Journalists

11:45 COFFEE BREAK

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.
12:00 SESSION 2
New media and new journalism

Moderator: Annika Nyberg Frankenhaeuser, Media Director, European Broadcasting Union

Panellists:
- Jeta Xharra, Kosovo Director of the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network
- Aleksandar Trifunović, Editor-in-Chief of the Buka Media Project, Centre for Informative Decontamination of Youth, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Yaman Akdeniz, Professor of Law, Human Rights Law Centre, Istanbul Bilgi University
- Marietje Schaake, Member of the European Parliament (tbc.)
- Olivier Basille, Director of the EU Permanent Representation of Reporters Without Borders

13:00 LUNCH

14:30 SESSION 3
The role of parliaments in protecting freedom of expression and media

Moderator: Eduard Kukan, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo, European Parliament

Panellists:
- Žarko Korać, Deputy-Speaker of the National Assembly, Serbia
- Igli Totozani, People’s Advocate / Ombudsman, Albania
- Tea Gorjanc Prelević, Executive Director, Human Rights Action, Podgorica
- Davor Glavaš, VERN School of Journalism, Zagreb
- Ismeta Dervoz, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Tibor Macák, Secretary-General, Association of European Journalists

15:45 COFFEE BREAK
16:00 SESSION 4

The way forward

Moderator: **Nils Muižnieks**, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Panellists:
- Kenan Özdemir, Deputy Under-Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Turkey
- Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, State Secretary for European Integration and Chief Negotiator for Accession Negotiations, Montenegro
- Lutfi Dervishi, Director, Transparency International Albania
- Branko Čečen, Director, Center for Investigative Journalism, Belgrade
- Oliver Vujović, Secretary-General, South East Europe Media Organisation, Vienna

17:00 CONCLUDING DEBATE

Led by **Štefan Füle**, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

18:00 COCKTAIL RECEPTION