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| **First day** | |  | |
| **8 a.m.** | | **Preparatory meeting with panel chairs** | |
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| **9 a.m.** | | **Registration of participants** | |
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| **9.30 a.m.** | | **Inaugural session**  **Welcome addresses:**   * **Milan Trivić,** Deputy mayor of Sarajevo * **Andrej Zorko**, President of the EESC's Western Balkans Follow-up Committee   **Inaugural speeches:**   * **Georges Dassis**, EESC President * **Goran Svilanović**, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council * **Srđa Keković**, Secretary General of Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro * **Morten Jung**, Senior Adviser for the Western Balkans, European Commission   QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | |
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| **11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.** | | **Coffee break and press conference** | |
| **11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** | **State of play: assessment and perspectives of the relations between the EU and the Western Balkans**  Chair:  **Ionuţ Sibian**, EESC member   * **Jan Snaidauf**, Head of Political and Economic Section in the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina * **Bojana Selaković**, Programme manager, Civic initiatives, Serbia * **Aida Daguda**, Director, Center for Promotion of Civil Society**,** Bosnia and Herzegovina   DISCUSSION | |
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| **1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.** | **Lunch at the invitation of the EESC** | |
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| **2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.** | **The role of social partners and other civil society organisations in promoting sustainable growth and employment**  Chair: **Samira Nuhanović Ribić**, Director of Social Business Incubator at Mozaik Foundation, Bosnia and Herzegovina   * **Aleksandar Krzhalovski**, Executive Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation * **Nebojša Atanacković**, President of Serbian Association of Employers * **Ismet Bajramović**, President of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bosnia and Herzegovina * **Antonio Graziosi**, Director of ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Central and Eastern Europe   DISCUSSION | |
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| **4.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.** | **Coffee break** | |
| **4.45 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.** | **Migration in the Western Balkans – what role for the civil society?**  Chair: **Dilyana Slavova**, EESC member   * **Vladimir Petronijević**, Executive Director, Group 484, Serbia * **Delfinë Elshani**, Group for Legal and Political Studies, Kosovo * **Ivica Sivrić**, Association for the Economic Development of Herzegovina (REDAH) * **Peter van der Auweraert**, IOM Sub-regional Coordinator for the Western Balkans   DISCUSSION | |
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|  | **End of Day 1** | |
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| **6.30 p.m.** | **Cocktail offered by the Regional Cooperation Council and the European Economic and Social Committee** | |

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| **Second day** | |
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| **9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.** | **Freedom of expression and media in the Western Balkans**  Chair: **Radka Betcheva**, Senior Project Manager, European Broadcasters Union   * **Momčilo Radulović**, President of European Movement Montenegro * **Naser Selmani**, President of Association of Journalists of Macedonia * **Dinko Gruhonjić**, Programme Editor, Independent Journalists Association of Vojvodina, Serbia * **Ilina Neshikj**, Executive Director, Balkan Civil Society Development Network   DISCUSSION |
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| **10.30 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.** | **Coffee break** |
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| **10.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.** | **Rights and empowerment of women in the EU and in the Western Balkans**  Chair: **Zoran Mihajlović**, Vice-president of Confederation of Autonomous Trade Unions of Serbia   * **Nora Latifi-Jashari**, Executive Director, GAP Institute, Kosovo * **Aleksandra Petrić**, Executive Director, Udružene žene, Banjaluka, Bosnia and Herzegovina * **Madi Sharma**, EESC member   DISCUSSION |
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| **12.15 p.m.** | **Adoption of the Final Declaration**  Chair: **Andrej Zorko**, President of the EESC's Western Balkans Follow-up Committee   * **Presentation of the Forum conclusions** |
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**Useful information**:

Meeting venue: Holiday Hotel Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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