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THE WESTERN BALKANS DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF EUROPE! REGIONAL FORUM 24-25 SEPTEMBER 2019

WIDENING VERSUS DEEPENING: A DILEMMA FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE WESTERN BALKANS?

In the past ten years, the European Union (EU) has been faced a long list of serious challenges, both internal and external. While a new reflection on the future of Europe has been initiated with the publication of the EU's White Paper on the Future of Europe in March 2017, followed by President Macron's speeches in Athens, La Sorbonne, Strasbourg and Aix-la-Chapelle, much remains to be done to rediscover the reasons underlying the European integration process in the first place, rejuvenate the European project and make it again a higher source of inspiration for the citizens of Europe. There could not be better timing for this reflection to be intensified. But the Western Balkans should participate in, and contribute to, this reflection on the future of Europe. This reflection, after all, is about the Union they strive for joining.

After a decade of dormancy, the "widening vs. deepening" debate appears to have regained ground in EU politics. Unlike internal reforms, which have continuously stayed high on the agenda in the past decade (the stillborn EU Constitutional Treaty, institutional reforms, EMU reform plans, CSDP & PESCO, energy policy, migration policy, etc.), enlargement gradually disappeared from the EU radar in the 2010s, despite the EU accession of Croatia in 2013.

The marginalisation of the EU's logic of "widening" relative to its internal reform agenda was signalled without ambiguity in the EU enlargement strategy of February 2018, positing that "the Union must be stronger and more solid, before it can be bigger" and it has been made explicit repeatedly by President Macron and others ever since. The enlargement fatigue, the erosion of the EU's transformative power as well as mounting internal challenges in the EU and Brexit have fuelled this debate with renewed momentum. But its implications for the Western Balkans are ambiguous.

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ROUND TABLES:

- ✓ Contribution of Civil Society to the European Integration Process
- ✓ Current Political Discourse on the Borders between Serbia and Kosovo. An Albanian Perspective
- ✓ 'Europe Day in the Auditorium with Students'



YOU-TH FOR EUROPE INITIATIVE

Intensive trainings in Kamza with the ATA Group (February), the Ura Vajgurore youth group (April), in Shkodra with the Atelie Youth Center (July), including about 70 young people in order to empower local youth groups, and 18 trainers has been involved



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