

Side Event  
“Connecting Youth:  
the other convergence engine of Western Balkans”

Thursday, 9 November 2017 | 10.00 – 11.30 | at Sheraton / Iliria 2

Presentation of:



Western Balkan Youth Cooperation Platform is a unique on-line tool supporting youth exchanges in the Western Balkans. Youth organizations, CSO-s, informal movements, groups, or young individuals can register in the platform and find partners for joint activities, exchange initiatives, project ideas, build up joint activities, get advice and help, and implement those projects together. We want to give the WB6 youth community a specific platform where young people can see ideas accelerated into concrete initiatives. We want to provide tools for youngsters to build connections in the Western Balkans.

In order to enrich the debate about the inclusion of the youngsters of the region in the policy-making, the authors of publication “**The rise of the underdog? Economy of the Western Balkans**” will present the findings of their research, followed by an open, frank and informed debate on the socio-economic problems in the Western Balkans and the economic future of the region.

### Programme

09.45 *Registration*

10.00 *Welcoming*

**Dr. Klaus Fiesinger** | Regional Director for Southeastern Europe, Hanns-Seidel-Foundation Offices Tirana, Belgrade, Sofia and Zagreb

10.10 *Keynote Speech*

**Dr. Milena Harito** | National Coordinator for the Regional Economic Area, Office of Prime Minister of Albania

10.20 **The rise of the underdog? Economy of the Western Balkans** - *Presentation by* Alida Vracic | Executive Director of Popolari and Matteo Bonomi | Popolari’s Policy Analyst

10.40 **Western Balkan Youth Cooperation Platform - case of Serbia and Albania**, *Presentation by* Krisela Hackaj | CDI Director; Milica Skiljevic | National Youth Council of Serbia, and WBYCP Youth Expert; and Dafina Peci | National Youth Congress of Albania, and WBYCP Youth Expert

11.10 **Open Discussion**, moderated by **PhD Marsela Sako** | Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana

11.30 *Coffee and Refreshments*

Simultaneous translation English-Albanian-English will be provided.

*This is a side event of 3rd Tirana Conference on Berlin Process*