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The Civil Society Forum is part of the programme of the Western Balkans Summit Vienna 2015 and offers a unique opportunity to civil society representatives from South Eastern Europe to voice their concerns and formulate concrete demands to high representatives of the European Union, its member states, and the governments of the countries of the Western Balkans.

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The Western Balkans Summit takes place on 27 August 2015 with the participation of a number of heads of EU member states and countries of South Eastern Europe. It is a continuation of the "Berlin Process", which was initiated in August 2014 by German Chancellor Angela Merkel to show sustained political commitment to the future enlargement of the European Union towards the Western Balkans.



The event will be held in English and audio and video recorded for online & social media use.

17:30	<b>Welcome drinks &amp; snacks</b>
18:00	<b>Opening &amp; welcome words</b> <b>Franz Karl Prüller</b> , Chairman of the Board of ERSTE Foundation <b>Angelika Losek</b> , Managing Director of Superar
18:10	<b>Concert of Superar</b> With children from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia  Repertoire: <b>Sibelius</b> "Andante Festivo" (orchestra) <b>Geronimo/Porić</b> "Love People" (choir) <b>Trad. Peru/ Icochea Icochea</b> "Poco a Poco" (choir and orchestra) <b>Beethoven</b> "Anthem of Europe" (choir and orchestra)
18:25	<b>Western Balkans Civil Society - The Unheard Voices</b> Presentation of five grassroots civil society organisations  Introduction: <b>Doraja Eberle</b> , Chairwoman of the Advisory Board of ERSTE Foundation <b>Ulrike Lunacek</b> , Vice President of the European Parliament  Participants: <b>Maja Raičević</b> , Director of Women's Rights Centre, Montenegro <b>Muhamet Arifi</b> , Executive Director of Balkan Sunflowers, Kosovo <b>Larisa Suša</b> , Co-Founder of Plenum Gračanica, Bosnia and Herzegovina <b>Zorka Popadić</b> , Director of Half Way There, Serbia <b>Jasmina Rajkovska</b> , Director of Open Gate, Macedonia
18:45	<b>Civil Society Forum</b> Introductory statement by <b>Sebastian Kurz</b> , Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs  Discussion in a forum setting in two circles including  <b>Edi Rama</b> , Prime Minister of Albania <b>Aleksandar Vučić</b> , Prime Minister of Serbia <b>Johannes Hahn</b> , EU Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations <b>Igor Lukšić</b> , Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro <b>Igor Crnadak</b> , Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina  In discussion with six representatives of civil society: <b>Ardian Haçkaj</b> , Director of the public policy platform Shtetiweb at the Cooperation and Development Institute, Albania <b>Meliha Bajramović</b> , Coordinator of Plenum Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina <b>Faik Ispahiu</b> , Director and Executive Producer of the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network and Internews Kosovo <b>Dona Kosturnova</b> , Executive Director of the Youth Educational Forum, Macedonia <b>Dejan Milovac</b> , Director of the Center for Investigations and Deputy Director of MANS, Montenegro <b>Aleksandar Simurdić</b> , Secretary General of the European Movement, Local Council Novi Sad, Serbia  Moderated by <b>Ivan Vejvoda</b> , Senior Vice President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States  200 representatives of academia, civil society, culture, economy, media, and politics are invited to contribute to the main discussion. Moderated by <b>Ana Petruševa</b> , Balkan Investigative Reporting Network
20:15	<b>Flying buffet at Magdas Restaurant, Ankerbrotfabrik</b> Music by <b>Balkan Lovers</b> feat. <b>Rambo Amadeus</b>

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