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Opportunities and Challenges of the EU Enlargement to the Western Balkans

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Monday, December 12

2:30 p.m. Welcome addresses

Lucio Battistotti, Director, Representation in Italy of the European Commission, Rome
Ettore Greco, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

3:00 p.m. First session - *Enlargement to the Western Balkan Countries: the State of Play*

Chair: *Michele Comelli*, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
Speaker: *Barbara Lippert*, Director of Studies, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin
Discussants: *Péter Balázs*, Director, Center for European Enlargement Studies, Central European University, Budapest
Fernando Gentilini, Director for Western Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
Christophe Hillion, Professor of European Law, University of Leiden, and Researcher in Law, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, Stockholm
Hedvig Morvai-Horvat, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans, Belgrade

4:15 p.m. Coffee break

4:45 p.m. Second session - *Security Dimension of Enlargement*

Chair: *Ettore Greco*, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
Speaker: *Isabelle Ioannides*, Adviser, European Dialogue, Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), European Commission, Brussels
Discussants: *Albert Rakipi*, Executive Director, Albanian Institute for International Studies, Tirana
Alessandro Rotta, Adviser on Political Affairs, European Union Special Representative in Kosovo, Pristina

6:00 p.m. End of the first day

Tuesday, December 13

9:15 a.m. Third session - *Economic Challenges and Benefits of Enlargement*

- Chair: [Gianni Bonvicini](#), Executive Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- Speaker: [Vladimir Gligorov](#), Economist, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW)
- Discussants: [Gerald Knaus](#), Chairman, European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin
[Miograd Lekic](#), Professor, Luiss University, Rome
[Ettore Sequi](#), EU Head of Delegation to Albania, Tirana
[Besa Shahini](#), Independent Analyst, Prishtina

11:00 a.m. *Coffee break*

11:15 a.m. Roundtable on *Prospects of Enlargement to the Western Balkans*

- Chair: [Emilio Dalmonte](#), Deputy Director, Representation in Italy of the European Commission, Rome
- Speakers: [Giuliano Amato](#), Former Prime Minister of Italy and Chairman of the International Commission for the Balkans
[Vladimir Drobnyak](#), Chief Negotiator for the negotiations on the accession of Croatia to the European Union, Zagreb
[Stefan Lehne](#), Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels
[Malinka Ristevska Jordanova](#), Director, European Policy Institute (EPI), Skopje
[Stefano Sannino](#), Director General, DG Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels
[Ivan Vejvoda](#), Vice President, Programs, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Washington DC

1:00 p.m. Concluding remarks

- [Stefano Silvestri](#), President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- [Miroslav Lajcak](#), Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
- [Marta Dassù](#), Secretary of State, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

1:30 p.m. *Lunch buffet*