



## CEPS ENGAGE FELLOWSHIP

National Event, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

# The Rule of Law: Where Are We Heading?

14-15 September 2017  
Hotel Aleksandar Palace, Skopje

## PROGRAMME



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## About the Event

This international event brings together representatives from academia, think tanks, civil society and policy-makers to take stock of where we are today and we are heading when it comes to the Rule of Law in Europe. These questions will be assessed in the fields of Rights, Security and Economy in a number of expert panels, plenary sessions and keynote lectures. Particular attention will be given to the situation in Central and Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans. This Event is co-organised between the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels, and the Centre for Economic Analyses (CEA) in Skopje, with the full involvement of the five selected members of the ENGAGE Fellowship.

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## About the Fellowship

CEPS launched the ENGAGE Fellowship Programme with the support of the Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE). This tailor-made Programme connects academic, civil society and think tank actors from Central and Eastern European and Western Balkans countries with EU-level policy debates. It consists of a one-year programme providing a set of trainings, study visits, public events and a policy brief writing exercise. It will culminate in the active participation of the selected fellows in the 2018 CEPS Ideas Lab. Please note that currently there is no open call for applications.

### *Selected members of the CEPS Engage Fellowship:*

Ms. Petra Bard, Senior Researcher, National Institute of Criminology / Central European University, Hungary

Mr. Fisnik Korenica, Legal Expert, Legal and Political Studies Group, Kosovo

Mr. Marjan Nikolov, President, Centre for Economic Analyses, Macedonia

Ms. Małgorzata Szuleka, Advocacy Officer, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland

Mr. Gjergji Vurmo, Programme Director and Senior Analyst, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Albania

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## Contact & Registration

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Please register [here](#).

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**Thursday 14 September 2017**

- 12h30-13h30 **Registration and Welcoming Lunch**
- 13h30-13h45 **Opening**  
Mr. Leonhard den Hertog (Research Fellow, CEPS / Coordinator, Engage Fellowship)  
Mr. Marjan Nikolov (President, CEA / Member, Engage Fellowship)
- 13h45-14h30 **Key Note Lecture**  
Mr. Dragan Tevdovski (Minister of Finance, Republic of Macedonia)  
*Moderator:* Mr. Sergio Carrera (Senior Research Fellow, Head of Unit, CEPS)
- 14h30-15h00 **Coffee break**
- 15h00-16h30 **Parallel Panels I & II**

<p><b>Panel I: Transparency and the Rule of Law</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Marjan Nikolov (Member, Engage Fellowship)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Natasha Gaber-Damjanovska (Judge, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Macedonia) Ms. Uranija Pirovska (Executive Director, Helsinki Committee of the Republic of Macedonia) Mr. Massimo Bordignon (Member, European Fiscal Board) Mr. Giorgio Brosio (Emeritus Professor, University of Turin)</p>	<p><b>Panel II: Criminal justice and mutual trust in the Western Balkans and the EU</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Sergio Carrera (CEPS)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Gordana Siljanovska Davkova (Professor, Constitutional Law and Political System, University of "Ss. Cyril and Methodius") Ms. Eszter Kirs (Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest / Legal Officer, Law Enforcement Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee) Mr. Marton Varju (Researcher, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies) Mr. Fisnik Korenica (Member, Engage Fellowship) Faculty, University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius)</p>
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- 16h30-17h00 **Coffee break**
- 17h00 -18h00 **Plenary Session I**  
*Moderator:* Mr. Gjergji Vurmo (Member, Engage Fellowship)  
*Rapporteur Panel I:* Mr. Marjan Nikolov (Member, Engage Fellowship)  
*Rapporteur Panel II:* Mr. Fisnik Korenica (Member, Engage Fellowship)
- 18h00-20h30 **Drinks, Networking and Conference Dinner**

## Friday 15 September 2017

08h30-09h00 **Registration – Breakfast and Coffee**

09h00-10h00 **Key Note Lecture**

Ms. Margarita Tsatsa Nikolovska (Judge, Constitutional Court, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

*Moderator:* Mr. Sergio Carrera (Senior Research Fellow, Head of Unit, CEPS)

10h00-10h15 **Coffee break**

10h15-11h45 **Parallel Panels III & IV**

<p><b>Panel III: Balkan Spring – Can the EU end the Rule of Law Stalemate?</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Gjergji Vurmo (Member, Engage Fellowship)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i>          Mr. Blerim Reka (SEE University, Tetovo)          Mr. Ljubomir Danailov Frckoski (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje)          Ms. Besa Arifi (SEE University, Tetovo)          Mr. Vladyslav Galushko (Open Society, Budapest)</p>	<p><b>Panel IV: Civil society responses to Rule of Law crisis and democratic backsliding</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Małgorzata Szuleka (Member, Engage Fellowship)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i>          Mr. Israel Butler (Head of Advocacy, Civil Liberties Union for Europe)          Mr. Emil Atanasovski (WFD Regional program, Belgrade)          Mr. Aleksandar Jovanoski (European Policy Institute, Skopje)          Mr. Marko Trosanovski (Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis”, Skopje)          Ms. Petra Bard (Member, Engage Fellowship)</p>
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11h45-12h00 **Coffee break**

12h00 -13h00 **Plenary Session II**

*Moderator:* Mr. Leonhard den Hertog (Research Fellow, CEPS)

*Rapporteur Panel IV:* Ms. Małgorzata Szuleka (Member, Engage Fellowship)

*Rapporteur Panel III:* Mr. Gjergji Vurmo (Member, Engage Fellowship)

13h00-13h30 **Closing Address**

Mr. Sergio Carrera (Senior Research Fellow, Head of Unit, CEPS)

13h30-14h30 **Lunch**