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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Friday, 30 August

- 14.00–16.00** **Gathering and Registration**
@City Hotel Ljubljana
- 16.00–16.30** **Opening of the Young BSF 2019**
@National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
- Welcome address: **Mr Dejan Židan**, President, National Assembly, Slovenia
- Opening remarks: **Mr Peter Grk**, Secretary-General, Bled Strategic Forum, Slovenia
- Address by: **Ms Katja Geršak**, Executive Director, Centre for European Perspective, Slovenia
- Chair: **Ms Meliha Muherina**, Programme Director, Young Bled Strategic Forum, Slovenia
- 16.30–17.30** **Young BSF Chat "Future of work"**
In partnership with The Boston Consulting Group.
@National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
- Speaker:
- **Mr Nikola Vuković**, Partner, The Boston Consulting Group
- Moderator: **Mr Mart Dekleva**, Managing Director, Adriatic Business Group
- 17.30–19.00** **Empowering Creative and Responsible Youth Toward Better Future**
In partnership with Femmes Sans Frontières Foundation.
@National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia
- Speakers:
- **Ms Caroline Assaf**, Founding Director, Young Speakers, France/Canada

- **Dr Nadja Štante Furlan**, Associate Professor, Science and Research Center Koper, Slovenia
- **Ms Ann Godart**, Project Manager, Luxembourg-City Incubator, Luxembourg
- **Dr Lucija Mulej Mlakar**, Associate Professor, Budnjani, Slovenia

Moderator: **Dr Jerca Legan Cviki**, President & Senior Consultant, Femmes Sans Frontières Foundation, Slovenia

19.00–19.30

Reception

@National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

20.00–21.30

Let's talk about Cross-Regional Cooperation: WB6 and V4

In partnership with International Visegrad Fund.

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Speakers:

- **Mr Jan Beneš**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Czech Republic
- **Mrs Kamilla Duda-Kawecka**, Charge d'affaires, Embassy of Poland
- **Ms Mirjana Jeremić**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Serbia
- **Mr Lukáš Kajan**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Slovakia
- **H. E. Mr Pëllumb Qazimi**, Ambassador, Embassy of Albania
- **Ms Mirela Tuzović**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Montenegro
- **Ms Krisztina Varju**, Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of Hungary

Moderator: **Mr Mak Selimović**, President, Bosnia and Herzegovina Association for United Nations

21.30–22.00

Reception

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Saturday, 31 August

09.00–12.00

Let's go on a Networking Scavenger Hunt

In partnership with Zavod Ypsilon.

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Facilitators:

- **Ms Nejka Šegatin**, Director, Zavod Ypsilon, Slovenia
- **Mr Dino Kovačević**, Programme Director, Zavod Ypsilon, Slovenia

13.00–17.00

Youth and Euro-Atlantic Integrations of Western Balkans and the role of V4 – Preparing Policy Recommendations

In partnership with International Visegrad Fund.

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Introductory remarks: **Dr Miran Lavrič**, Associate professor, University of Maribor, Slovenia

14.30–15.00

Working Lunch

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Table moderators:

- **Ms Jana Juzová**, Research Fellow, EUROPEUM, Czech Republic
- **Ms Anna Korienieva**, Secretary General, Model United Nations Prague, Czech Republic
- **Ms Aleksandra Pikus**, President, BETA Polska, Poland
- **Mr Ferenc Németh**, Researcher, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary
- **Mr Mak Selimovic**, President, Bosnia and Herzegovina Association for United Nations
- **Mr Juraj Hajko**, Researcher and Project Manager, The Slovak Foreign Policy Association
- **Ms Lilla Judit Bartuszek**, Relations Team Officer, V4SDG, Hungary
- **Ms Meliha Muherina**, Programme Director, Young BSF, Slovenia

19.00–22.00

Connecting Youth

In partnership with Western Balkans Youth Cooperation Platform.

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Introductory remarks: **H.E. Ms Majlinda Bregu**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council, Bosnia and Herzegovina

19.30–20.00

Reception

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Facilitators:

- **Ms Krisela Hackaj**, Executive Director, Cooperation and Development Institute, Albania
- **Ms Dafina Peci**, Secretary General, National Youth Congress of Albania
- **Mr Mak Selimovic**, President, Bosnia and Herzegovina Association for United Nations

Sunday, 1 September

10.00–12.00

Providing accessible information for diverse populations

In partnership with Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

@City Hotel Ljubljana

Speaker:

- **Mr Markland Starkie**, Head of Content for GOV.UK, UK Government Digital Service

Moderator: **Dr Martina Bofulin**, Research Fellow, Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

14.00–16.30

Digitalization for boosting youth sector and education - Hackaton

In partnership with Digital Innovation Hub Slovenia and Youth Council of Slovenia.

@Hotel Lovec, Bled

Working Lunch Facilitators:

- **Ms Meliha Muherina**, Programme Director, Young BSF, Slovenia
- **Ms Anja Fortuna**, President, Youth Council of Slovenia
- **Ms Tjaša Sobočan**, Project Manager, Digital Innovation Hub Slovenia

16.30–17.30

Digitalization for boosting youth sector and education – Policy Recommendations

In partnership with Digital Innovation Hub and Youth Council of Slovenia.

@Hotel Lovec, Bled

Speakers:

- **Dr Emilija Stojmenova Duh**, CEO, Digital Innovation Hub Slovenia

- **Dr Jernej Pikalo**, Minister of Education, Ministry of Education, Slovenia
- **Mr Peter Ribarič**, Co-founder and Director, Silicon Gardens Fund

Moderator: **Ms Anja Fortuna**, President, Youth Council of Slovenia

18.00–19.00

“State of the World” with H.E. Ms María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly

@Café Belvedere, Bled

Speaker:

- **H.E. Ms María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés**, President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly

Moderator: **Ms Sabina Carli**, Diplomat Trainee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

19.00–19.30

Reception

@Café Belvedere, Bled

19.30–22.00

Closing of Young BSF 2019

@Café Belvedere, Bled

Closing remarks: **Mr Andor Dávid**, Executive Director, International Visegrad Fund, Hungary

Moderator: **Ms Federika Fait**, Co-founder and Board Member, V4SDG - Visegrad for Sustainability

Chair: **Ms Meliha Muherina**, Programme Director, Young BSF, Slovenia

Monday, 2 September

09.00–12.30

Conflict and Cooperation in the Mediterranean: Mare Nostrum or Global Space?

In partnership with Istituto Affari Internazionali.

@Rikli Balance Hotel, Voda Hall

Welcome remarks: **H.E. Paolo Trichilo**, Ambassador, Italy

Opening remarks: **Mr Dobran Božič**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

Adress by: **Dr Ettore Greco**, Executive Vice-President, International Affairs Institute (IAI), Italy

A region in turmoil: Geopolitical dynamics and Social Change in the Mediterranean

Speakers:

- **Dr Djallil Lounnas**, Professor of International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
- **Dr Neil Quilliam**, Associate Fellow, Middle East & North Africa Programme, Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs, United Kingdom

Moderator: **Dr Ettore Greco**, Executive Vice-President, International Affairs Institute (IAI), Italy

Prospect of Regional Cooperation in the Mediterranean and the role of international organizations

Speakers:

- **Dr Ekaterina Stepanova**, Head of Peace and Conflict Studies Unit, National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russia
- **Ms Sibelle El Labban**, Executive Assistant for Research Support, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- **Prof. Dr Musa Shteivi**, Director, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan

Moderator: **Mr Emiliano Alessandri**, Senior External Cooperation Officer, OSCE Secretariat General, Austria

Concluding remarks

- **Mr Gregor Perič**, Head, National Assembly's delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Slovenia
- **Ms Meliha Muherina**, Programme Director, Young BSF, Slovenia

12.30–13.00

Reception

In partnership with Italian Embassy to Slovenia
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