



annual regional
RULE OF LAW FORUM
for south east europe

Fourth Regional Rule of Law Forum for South East Europe

17-18 March 2017
Tirana

DAY 1

OPENING SESSION

Welcome from the organisers and introduction to the Forum
Biljana Braithwaite, Programme Manager for the Western Balkans, the AIRE Centre
Goran Miletic, Programme Director for the Western Balkans, Civil Rights Defenders

OPENING SPEECHES

09h30

Bashkim Dedja, President of the Constitutional Court of Albania
Xhezair Zaganjori, President of the Supreme Court of Albania
Ledi Bianku, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council TBC
Duncan Norman, British Ambassador in Tirana
Johan Ndisi, Ambassador of Sweden in Tirana

Hanging in the balance: Freedom of expression and justified restrictions - how a national judge applies the case law of the European Court of Human Rights

10h30

Sir Michael Tugendhat, former Judge at the High Court of Justice of England and Wales

11h00

Coffee break

Panel discussion: Freedom of expression and the judiciary - considering issues such as freedom of expression of judges, and criticism of courts and judges by lawyers acting in a case and other interested parties - discussing main issues in the region and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights

11h30

Moderator: Dragoljub Popovic, former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
Judges from the European Court of Human Rights: Ledi Bianku (Albania), Ksenija Turkovic (Croatia), Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska (former Judge, Macedonia), Nebojsa Vucinic (Montenegro), Branko Lubarda (Serbia)

13h00

Introduction to Working Groups

Catharina Harby, Senior Legal Consultant, the AIRE Centre

13h15

Lunch

Dividing into Working Groups

Working group 1 A: Judges from the European Court of Human Rights and national judges - discussion on media reporting on judicial issues

Moderators: Nuala Mole, Senior Lawyer, the AIRE Centre, London and Aida Grgic, Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights

Working group 1 B: Judges from the European Court of Human Rights and national judges - discussion on freedom of expression and hate speech on the internet, in politics and media

14h30

Moderators: Dragoljub Popovic and Ana Vilfan-Vospersnik, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

Working group 2: Government Agents, and Judicial Training Centres and Institutions - discussion on awareness raising on questions of freedom of expression

Moderators: Biljana Braithwaite and Catharina Harby

Working group 3: NGO representatives and legal experts - discussion on main challenges in relation to freedom of expression

Moderator: John Stauffer, Legal Director and Deputy Executive Director, Civil Rights Defenders



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16h30	End of Day 1
18h30	Cocktail Reception
20h00	Official Forum Dinner
DAY 2	
09h30	Reporting back from working groups and discussion <i>Moderator: Katarina Harbi</i>
10h30	Coffee break
11h00	Panel discussion: Media reporting on judicial issues, and freedom of expression and hate speech on the internet, in politics and media - issues raised in working groups, the case law of the European Court of Human Rights: best practice and possible solutions - challenges ahead from Strasbourg and national court <i>Moderator: Nuala Mole</i> <i>Judges from the European Court of Human Rights: Ledi Bianku (Albania), Ksenija Turkovic (Croatia), Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska (former Judge, Macedonia), Nebojsa Vucinic (Montenegro), Branko Lubarda (Serbia)</i>
12h15	Closing discussion - conclusions from the Forum
12h45	End of Forum
13h00	Lunch

