

Conclusions of the Brdo-Brijuni Process Leaders' Meeting Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, May 28-29, 2016

We, the Leaders of the Brdo-Brijuni Process, acknowledge that stability is key to unlocking South East Europe's enormous potential and ensuring its consolidation within the European Union. We recognize it is our responsibility to create a stable political environment that is conducive to economic growth and the overall progress of South East Europe.

We, therefore, commit to:

- Build mutual trust, understanding and reconciliation among ourselves and other leaders in South East Europe by engaging in sincere, direct and open dialogue aimed at settling our differences and promoting truth, justice and the rule of law;
- Sincerely support and act to enable each other's EU integration process and Euro-Atlantic integration process for NATO aspirants;
- Take concrete action to resolve outstanding open issues through intensive dialogue and high-level political communication, in accordance with international law, starting with the implementation of bilateral and multilateral agreements and treaties already in force, including the Agreement on Succession Issues;
- Unconditionally refrain from engaging in rhetoric or taking actions that give rise to tensions and risk causing political instability in South East Europe;
- Seek comprehensive and coordinated solutions to current global security challenges that affect all of us, such as the migrants crisis and terrorism, and engage all stakeholders in the area to reduce the impact of global security threats on the stability and security of South East Europe and its neighbouring States;
- Work on better education systems and expand opportunities for young people in order to prevent brain drain and negative demographic trends;
- Foster gender equality, especially in leadership positions, and eradicate violence against women and domestic violence in South East Europe, commending the performance of relevant NGOs;
- Improve economic competitiveness, reduce barriers that prevent the free flow of people, goods and capital throughout the area, and jointly promote the economic potential of South East Europe;
- Further advance our connectivity through joint energy, infrastructure and transport projects, also using opportunities arising from all instruments of regional cooperation and other fora;
- Continue to introduce and implement European Union standards and promote European values through ambitious political, judicial, social and economic reforms that build better societies and economies for all our citizens.

We believe that the consolidation of South East Europe into the European Union would fulfill and reinvigorate the European Union's founding vision of Europe united in peace and prosperity.

We remain firmly committed to this shared vision and will continue to turn to the Brdo-Brijuni Process as the principal platform for high-level political dialogue that advances the stability and finality of South East Europe within the European Union.

We commend the first Brdo-Brijuni Process Presidential Mission to the Republic of Macedonia by the President of the Republic of Croatia, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, and the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor, following the Conclusions of the Brdo-Brijuni Process Leaders' Meeting in Budva, and the findings and recommendations presented in their Report.

We agreed that the Republic of Macedonia will host the Brdo-Brijuni Process Leaders' Meeting in 2017.