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## Second Regional Rule of Law Forum for South East Europe

6th and 7th March 2015  
Belgrade, Serbia, Falkensteiner Hotel Belgrade

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

TIME	
10:00	<p>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</p> <p>OPENING SPEECHES Nikola Selakovic, Minister of Justice of Serbia Dragomir Milojevic, President of the Supreme Cassation Court of Serbia Denis Keefe, British Ambassador to Serbia Christer Asp, Swedish Ambassador to Serbia Nenad Vujic, Director of the Judicial Academy of Serbia</p>
10:40	<p>COMMON PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT THE REGION IDENTIFIED THROUGH RECENT CASE LAW FROM THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS Ana Vilfan-Vospernik, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights</p>
11:00	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
11:20	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: Looking in particular at common Article 6 violations and issues throughout the region, including: inconsistent case law in domestic court judgments, the importance of clear reasoning, non-enforcement of domestic judgments, the role of precedent both at domestic and Strasbourg level, access to court and equality of arms, and the impact on fair trial guarantees of the responsibility of States for the debts of state or socially owned companies (enforcement) MODERATOR: Catharina Harby, Senior Legal Consultant, the AIRE Centre Ledi Bianku (Albania), Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska (Macedonia), Nebojsa Vucinic (Montenegro), Dragoljub Popovic (Serbia)</p>

12:30	THE ECHR DATABASE AND HOW IT CAN ASSIST LEGAL PRACTITIONERS THROUGHOUT THE REGION Biljana Braithwaite, Programme Manager for the Western Balkans, the AIRE Centre
13:00	LUNCH
14:30	CHALLENGES IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF JUDGMENTS CONCERNING ARTICLE 6 OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS Nuala Mole, Senior Lawyer, the AIRE Centre
15:15	WORKING GROUPS CONSIDERING THE ISSUES RELATING TO NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  WORKING GROUP I: ECtHR judges and national judges Moderators: Ana Vilfan-Vospersnik, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights and Catharina Harby, AIRE Centre  WORKING GROUP II: Government Agents and Judicial Training Centres Moderators: Biljana Braithwaite and Beatrice Blois, AIRE Centre  WORKING GROUP III: NGO representatives and legal experts Moderators: Nuala Mole, AIRE Centre and Ishaani Shirvastava, barrister, Devereux Chambers, London
17:00	END OF DAY 1
18:00–19:30	COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT HOTEL LOBBY (hosted by Regional Cooperation Council)
20:00	DINNER

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7

TIME	TOPIC
09:30	REPORTING BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS 1) ECtHR judges and national judges – 1 hour 2) Government Agents and Judicial Training Centres – 20 min 3) NGO representatives and legal experts – 20 min
11:10	COFFEE BREAK
11:40	PANEL DISCUSSION: IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN RELATION TO ARTICLE 6 – BEST PRACTICE AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. Challenges ahead – what kind of Article 6 issues will appear before the domestic and Strasbourg Courts in a few year’s time? MODERATOR: Ana Vilfan-Vospersnik, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights Ledi Bianku (Albania), Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska (Macedonia), Nebojsa Vucinic (Montenegro), Dragoljub Popovic (Serbia)
12:40	CLOSING DISCUSSIONS – CONCLUSIONS FROM THE FORUM MODERATED by Goran Miletic and Biljana Braithwaite
13:00	LUNCH AND DEPARTURE