

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

Venue: Hotel Splendid Pool Area

19.00 –
21.00 **RECEPTION**

Hosted by **Milica Pejanović-Đurišić**, Chairwoman, Atlantic Council of Montenegro
Venue: Hotel Splendid Pool Area

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

Venue: Conference Area, III floor, Hotel Splendid, Budva, Montenegro

11.00 –
11.15 **Scene Setters**

Led by:
Jasmina KOS, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans
Adnan RONDİĆ, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

11.15 –
11.45 **Opening**

Milica PEJANOVIĆ-ĐURIŠIĆ, Chairwoman, Atlantic Council of Montenegro
Judy RISING REINKE, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy in Montenegro
Intro:

11.45-
13.00 **Montenegro's Political Maze:
Navigating Struggles and Challenges**

Speakers:
Vladimír BILČÍK, MEP, and Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, European Parliament [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)
Radoje CEROVIĆ, Psychologist, Business Consultant, Communication Expert
Jakov DEVČIĆ, Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Serbia and Montenegro
Aleksandar MUSIĆ, Political and Media consultant
Daliborka ULJAREVIĆ, Executive Director, Centre for Civic Education
Moderator: **Adnan RONDİĆ**, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

13.00 –
14.00 **Crossroads of Change: Navigating the
Future of the Western Balkans**

Speakers:
Adrian DAVIDOIU, Special Representative for the Western Balkans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania
Miroslav LAJČÁK, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues
Borut PAHOR, Former President of Slovenia
Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
Moderator: **Jasmina KOS**, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

14.00-
14.45 **LUNCH**

14.45-
15.30 **Guardians of Peace: Vilnius Summit
Outlook and NATO's Road Ahead**

Speakers:
Benedetta BERTI, Head, Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General, NATO [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)
Kajsa OLLONGREN, Minister, Netherlands Ministry of Defence [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)
Gergana KARADZHOVA, General Director for Political Affairs to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria
Stefano STEFANINI, Senior Advisor, PA Group Brussels, Former Permanent Representative of Italy to NATO and Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Italy [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)
Moderator: **Jasmina KOS**, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

15.30 –
16.15 **Balancing Acts: The US Approach to
Stability in the Western Balkans**

Speakers:
Jasmin MUJANOVIĆ, Political Scientist
Edward P. JOSEPH, Adjunct Lecturer, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins University
Miodrag VLAHOVIĆ, Montenegrin Helsinki Committee, president
Moderator: **Adnan RONDİĆ**, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

16.15 –
16.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.45 –
17.30 **The Chessboard Redefined: EU
Security Policy in the Wake of Russian
aggression against Ukraine**

Speakers:
Rustem UMEROV, Minister of Defence of Ukraine [ONLINE ADDRESS](#)
Emil BRIX, Director, Vienna School of International Studies [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)
Iulian CHIFU, President, Center for Conflicts Prevention and Early Warning
Nicole KOENIG, Head of Policy, Munich Security Conference
Moderator: **Jasmina KOS**, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

17.30 –
19.00 **2BSECURE HAPPY HOUR**

Venue: Hotel Splendid III Floor Terrace

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

Venue: Conference Area, III floor, Hotel Splendid, Budva, Montenegro

10.30 – 11.00	Conversation with	Savo KENTERA , Founder of the 2BS Forum and Former Director of the National Security Agency <i>Moderator: Adnan RONDIC, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
11.00 – 11.40	Red Alert: Unmasking Russia's Security Challenge to the Transatlantic Community	<i>Speakers:</i> Mark GALEOTTI , Executive Director, Mayak Intelligence <small>ONLINE SPEAKER</small> Nikolas K. GVOSDEV , Professor, U.S. Naval War College <small>ONLINE SPEAKER</small> Iuliia OSMOLOVSKA , Head of the GLOBSEC Kyiv Office <small>ONLINE SPEAKER</small> <i>Moderator: Jasmina KOS, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
11.40 – 12.00	COFFEE BREAK	
12.00 – 12.40	Beijing's Long Arm: Deciphering China's Military Rise and its Ripple Effect on European Security	<i>Speakers:</i> Mark COZAD , Senior International Defense Researcher; Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School, RAND Helena LEGARDA , Lead Analyst, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) <small>ONLINE SPEAKER</small> David TOMAN , Analyst, European Values Center for Security Policy <i>Moderator: Jasmina KOS, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
12.40 – 13.20	Beyond Borders: Ukraine, Western Balkans, and Regional Dynamics	<i>Speakers:</i> Vlatko CVRILA , Rector of VERN' University in Zagreb Volodymyr DUBOVYK , Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Director, Center for International Studies, Odesa I. I. Mechnikov National University Yevgeniya GABER , Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council in Turkey <i>Moderator: Adnan RONDIC, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
13.20 – 13.40	COFFEE BREAK	
13.40 – 14.20	The Looming Age of AI: Empowering Democracy, Countering Disinformation	<i>Speakers:</i> Mihailo BACKOVIC , Managing Partner, B12 Consulting Sophie MURPHY BYRNE , Senior Policy Manager, Logically AI Tyler WILLIAMS , Director of Investigations, Graphika <i>Moderator: Jasmina KOS, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
14.20 – 14.30	NATO Address	Mircea GEOANĂ , Deputy Secretary General, NATO <small>ONLINE SPEAKER</small> <i>Intro: Jasmina KOS, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
14.30 – 15.00	Conversation with the President	Jakov MILATOVIĆ , President of Montenegro <i>Moderator: Adnan RONDIC, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans</i>
15.00 – 15.15	2BS Forum Highlights	Jasmina KOS , Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans Adnan RONDIC , Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans
15.15	FAREWELL LUNCH	

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