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World Monitoring The Balkan Monitor Workshop

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09.15-09.30 Registration

9.30-10.00 *S.E. Gregor Woschnagg, Ambassador,
Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU*
The Western Balkans and the EU: a regional outline

10.00-10.30 *Dr. Nicholas Whyte, Director,
Europe Program, International Crisis Group*
The EU and the new challenges in the Balkan



10.30-11.00 *Jim Clifton, CEO Gallup*

A unique new tool: the Gallup WorldPoll

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11.00-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.00 *Prof. Ferenc Mislivetz, Director Institute for Social and European Studies*

Lack of comparative and reliable data on the developments in Wider Europe



12.00-12.30 *Robert Manchin, Chairman and Managing Director Gallup Europe*

Regional information on South-eastern Europe developments: the Balkan Monitor

The Balkans is the historic and geographic name used to describe the region of South-eastern Europe. The boundaries are still historically contested and in the aftermath of 1991, the term “Balkans” received again negative connotations. Social, political, national and religious identities in the Balkans remain an explosive issue. Current problems in South-eastern Europe are therefore still numerous: from the Kosovo’s looming independence to the growing ‘islamisation’ of the population in Bosnia and Albania, to the many challenges Serbia is facing, to the new status of Montenegro and to the many defies for Macedonia such as its democratisation, stabilization and integration. These are vital issues for Europe which undoubtedly needs reliable data.

The European Institutions have a clear role to play and responsibilities and actions to undertake if they want to further integrate the Balkans in the EU system and facilitate the Balkan reconstruction. But nothing can be achieved without understanding Balkans’ issues, establishing a frank dialogue with all the stakeholders and communicating the issues based on recent data from the individual countries.

Bridging cultural and political gaps, shaping efficient partnerships and, in the “near future” integrating these countries are real challenges for the EU. The Balkan Monitor – as part of the WorldPoll – intends to fill the hiatus in reliable primary information.

12:30 Lunch

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