

ON CULTURE  
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**27 — 28 June 2022**  
**Tirana, Albania**

## PUBLIC EVENTS

**organised within the Ministerial Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms  
on Culture & Research and Innovation & Education and Training**

27 and 28 June 2022

Venue: Hotel Maritim Plaza Tirana,  
Rruga Abdi Toptani 18, Tirana 1001, Albania

### AGENDA

Registrations for the following public events take place in the lobby of the hotel, Floor 0

### MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2022

#### **Press Conference for the Official Launch of the Western Balkans Platform on Culture**

(Jeronim De Rada Meeting Room, Floor 23)

**16:15 - 16:45 Arrival of Participants and Press Accreditation**

**16:45 - 17:30 Family Photo**

##### **Address**

Mariya GABRIEL, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth  
Elva MARGARITI, Minister of Culture, Albania

##### **Press Conference**

#### **Regional Cooperation Council - Butterfly Innovation Awards Ceremony**

(Jeronim De Rada Meeting Room, Floor 23)


**18:30 - 19:00 Arrival of Participants and Registrations**

**19:00 - 20:00 Awards Ceremony**

##### **Welcome Addresses**

Majlinda BREGU, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council  
Mariya GABRIEL, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

Awards given to the winners of the 2022 competition by Majlinda BREGU, Mariya GABRIEL and  
Erion VELIAJ, Mayor of Tirana, during a cocktail reception



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**TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2022**

## **High-Level Launch Event of the Science for Policy Report “Status of Environment and Climate in the Western Balkans”**

(Public event, Jeronim De Rada Meeting Room, Floor 23)

**07:45 - 08:15 Arrival of Participants and Press Accreditation**

**08:15 - 08:45 Launch of the Science for Policy Report  
“Status of Environment and Climate in the Western Balkans”**

*Moderation: Besnik BARAJ, University of Tirana*

### **Welcoming and Introduction**

Mirela KUMBARO FURXHI, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Albania

Sabine HENZLER, Director Strategy, Work Programme and Resources, EC DG Joint Research Centre

### **Presentation of the Report**

Mariya GABRIEL, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

### **Next Steps**

Sabine HENZLER, Director Strategy, Work Programme and Resources, EC DG Joint Research Centre

**08:45 - 09:00 Technical break**

**09:00 - 09:45 Presentation of the JRC Scientific Research on Environment and Climate  
in the Western Balkans**

Claudio BELIS, Project Leader, EC DG Joint Research Centre

**09:45 - 10:15 Comments from Participants and Discussion**

## **Launch of the 11<sup>th</sup> Round of the European Social Survey**

(Public event, Jeronim De Rada Meeting Room, Floor 23)

**14:15 - 14:45 Arrival of Participants and Press Accreditation**

**14:45 - 15:30 Launch of the 11<sup>th</sup> Round of the European Social Survey**

### **Introduction**

Rory FITZGERALD, Director European Social Survey, European Research Infrastructure Consortium

Abi DODBIBA, Western Balkans European Social Survey Network

Aneta CEKIKJ, National Coordinator, European Social Survey, North Macedonia

Signe RATSO, Deputy-Director General, EC DG for Research and Innovation

**15:30 - 16:30 Networking Cocktail**

*(Venue: The View Lounge Bar, Floor 23)*