



Transference of the EU Integration Model from East-Central Europe to the Western Balkans

Roundtable: Perceptions of EU integration in the Western Balkans

November 19th, 2021

The Faculty of European Studies invites participants to the second **international roundtable** centred on the manner in which **European integration is perceived** at various levels (academics, decision-makers, civil society, overall) in the Western Balkans candidate countries, on **November 19th 2021**.

The roundtable is the second event organized by the Faculty of European Studies under the Exploratory Research Project PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2020-2.

Description: the roundtable aims to discuss the current state of the European integration files of Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, corroborated with the impact this protracted endeavour has had on perceptions of Europeanness, Balkanism and nationalism in the four candidate states. The team of researchers from the Faculty of European Studies has held structured interviews with academics, decision-makers and representatives of the civil society in each of the four states, and will present the results thereof as inputs for discussions on the realistic prospects of EU enlargement. A series of public surveys (chiefly pertaining to confidence in the EU vs. national institutions, perceptions on the future of the Union etc.) will also be explained, for comparative analyses and parallels with data germane to East-Central EU member states. As a final output of the two roundtables held this year, four SWOT maps of the Western Balkans candidate countries will be drawn and made available for follow-up during the second year of the project, when the focus shifts to the European Commission's views on the matter.

The roundtable will be held **on-line**, in **English**.

Registration: A Zoom link shall be provided by the organizers. Please register for the event through an e-mail sent to Ph.Dc. Gianina Joldescu (gianina.joldescu@ubbcluj.ro) by November 18th 2021.

Programme:

- 9:30 - 11:00 – discussions on interviews with stakeholders from the Western Balkans
- 11:00 - 11:10 – coffee break
- 11:10 – 12:30 – discussions on perceptions and the state of WB-EU negotiations
- 12:30 -13:30 – lunch at “Piramida” Restaurant

