



**PES Conference on the Balkans  
Integrating Western Balkan in the EU. A progressive agenda for the people  
Belgrade, Serbia, 16 May 2007**

**Draft Detailed Programme**

**Tuesday 15 May 2007**

- 19.40 Arrival of PNR
- 21.00 Dinner hosted by Boris Tadic, President of Serbia, Leader of DS, Serbia  
- Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, PES President  
- Mircea Geoana, Leader of PSD, Chair of the PES Balkans Network, Romania (tbc)  
- Philip Cordery, PES SG  
- Yonnec Polet, PES PA  
Venue: Hotel Intercontinental, private salon on the 6th floor

**Wednesday 16 May 2007**

- 09:00 hours - Party leaders enter hall together, led by Serbian DS Leader Boris Tadic and PES President Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, followed immediately by opening statements by Poul Nyrup Rasmussen and Boris Tadic.

**Opening**

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, PES President  
Boris Tadic, President of Serbia, Leader of DS, Serbia

- 10.00-11.30 **1<sup>st</sup> session: "Western Balkans: EU integration and regional cooperation"**

Introduction text; DS, Serbia  
Moderator: Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs Minister, Coordinator PES Ministers of Foreign Affairs Network, Luxembourg  
Sergei Stanishev, Prime Minister, Leader of BSP, Bulgaria (tbc)  
Zlatko Lagumdzija, Leader of SDP BIH, Bosnia i Hercegovina (tbc)  
Radmila Sekerinska, Leader of SDSM, FYR of Macedonia  
Milorad Dodik, President of SNSD, Prime Minister of the Republic Srpska, Bosnia i Hercegovina  
George Papandreou, Leader of PASOK, President of SI, Greece (tbc)

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, PES President  
Boris Tadic, President of Serbia, Leader of DS, Serbia  
Both sit at the table and participate at the Q&A

- 11.30 High Level Working Lunch for Leaders  
Debate on current political issues for the region.





- Only the leaders  
Venue: Hotel Intercontinental, private salon on the 6th floor
- 11.30-13.00 Debate DS members and participants “Social democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”  
Presentation by MP SAP + Luciano Vecchi ??  
Venue : Hotel Intercontinental – Plenary Room
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch for participants  
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14.00 Family picture  
Rasmussen and Tadic call each leader onto the stage one by one to sign declaration and then form group for family photo. That could be an event rather than just a photo call - ie in front of audience in hall with Rasmussen announcing that the Leaders agreed a pact which they will now sign etc. For signing a pact we do NOT want a table where leaders sit down to sign but just a book on a stand and the leaders remain on their feet to sign.  
Venue : Hotel Intercontinental – Plenary Room
- 14.30 Press conference  
line up: Rasmussen, Tadic, Stanishev (if he comes), Asselborn (or Fassino if he comes), Sekerinska and Geoana. No more than six people though!  
Rasmussen chairs, speakers in order above. Each speaker 3 minutes each plus questions.  
Venue: Hotel Intercontinental – Room
- 15.00-17.00 **2<sup>nd</sup> session: “Improving economic and social performances in Western Balkans countries”**  
Introduction text; BSP, Bulgaria  
Moderator: Johannes Jung, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag, Chairman of the German-Croatian Parliamentarian Group of the German Bundestag, SPD, Germany  
Ilir Meta, Leader of SMI, Albania  
Filip Vujanovic, President of the Republic of Montenegro, DPS, Serbia and Montenegro (tbc)  
Hannes Swoboda, Vice-President PES Group in the European Parliament, SPÖ, Austria  
Nebojsa Covic, Leader of SPD, Serbia
- 17.00-18.30 **3<sup>rd</sup> session: “Modern states in the Western Balkans: closer to the citizens”**  
Introduction text; PSD, Romania  
Moderator: Giacomo Filibeck, President of ECOSY  
Mircea Geoana, Leader of PSD, Chair of the PES Balkans Network, Romania  
Edi Rama, Leader of SP, Albania (tbc)  
Jan-Marinus Wiersma, Vice-President of the PES Group in the European Parliament, PvdA, The Netherlands  
Ranko Krivokapic, Speaker of the Parliament, Leader of SDP, Montenegro





Alain Richard, Senator, PES Presidency member, PS, France  
SDP, Croatia (tbc)

- 18.30 Closing  
Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, PES President  
Boris Tadic, President of Serbia, Leader of DS, Serbia  
Mircea Geoana, Leader of PSD, Chair of the PES Balkans Network, Romania
- 21.00 Reception  
Venue: Hotel Intercontinental

