

Invitation

Panel discussion

on

“North Macedonia – the Balkan Success Story”

H.E. Radmila Shekerinska in conversation with Werner Fasslabend

Monday, 11 March 2019
National Defence Academy Vienna
Sala Terrena
Stiftgasse 2a, 1070 Vienna, Austria
18:00 h

Since the attempted storming of parliament in Skopje on April 27, 2017, the country has undergone a strong political transformation, the peak of which is the settlement of the decades-long name dispute with Greece. Since the beginning of February 2019, the official name of the country has now changed to North Macedonia and the Protocol of Accession to NATO has already been signed. Skopje also hopes to start EU accession talks soon. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Republic of North Macedonia, Radmila Shekerinska, is one of the key figures in the North Macedonian re-formation. As part of her official visit to the Austrian Minister of Defence, Mario Kunasek, she will present how the country made these changes over the last two years and how it is to proceed. She will also talk about the regional situation with all its aspects.

Registration until 7 March 2019 under: office@aies.at

Program

- 17:30 Admission
- 18:00 Welcome Address
MG Dr. Johann Frank, Defence Policy Director,
MoD Austria
- 18:15 **“North Macedonia – the Balkan success story”**
- **Lecture by H.E. Radmila Shekerinska**
 - **Discussion on the podium**
 - **Q&A**
- 19:30 Reception
Refreshments and drinks
- 20:30 End of the event

H.E. Radmila Shekerinska is the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Republic of North Macedonia. For her dedication and achievements in the field of European integration of North Macedonia and the region of the Western Balkans, the World Economic Forum awarded Shekerinska with the title “Young Global Leader”. She was the President of the Social Democratic Union of North Macedonia, as the first and (so far) only woman to head any of the major political parties in North Macedonia.

Dr. Werner Fasslabend was Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria, and during his term he organized the first EU-Defence Ministers Meeting in 1998. Currently, Werner Fasslabend is the President of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES), Head of the Academic Council of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies in Brussels and besides that, he is the Honorary President of the Political Academy of the Austrian People’s Party and President of the Austrian-Slovak and the Austrian-Iranian Societies.