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**European Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and
Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
and the
Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)**

in cooperation with the
**Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights and the
Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP)**

kindly invite to the panel discussion on

The Rule of Law: The Legal and Institutional Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date: October 21st, 2016, 10 a.m.

Venue: Haus der EU, Wipplingerstraße 35, 1010 Vienna

The EU has set out its strategy towards Bosnia and Herzegovina in the European Council conclusions of March 2011 and the successive reinforcing conclusions. All the Member States of the European Union fully and firmly support Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU perspective as a future member of the EU, consistent with the Thessaloniki Declaration of 2003. In February 2016, Bosnia and Herzegovina formally applied for EU membership in Brussels. However, on EU level it is clear that this accession process will take years.

Despite of the efforts done by Bosnia and Herzegovina, the functioning of the judiciary remains a problem, with a clear need to develop an independent and impartial judiciary, accountable governments and transparent procedures respecting the rule of law.

Programme

10.00: Welcome addresses

Jörg WOJAHN, *Head of Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Vienna*

Tomislav BORIĆ, *Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Graz, Member of the Scientific Board of IDM*

10.15: Keynote Speech: Bosnia and Herzegovina and the EU accession process: Challenges in 2017 and beyond

Alberto CAMMARATA, *Policy Co-ordinator, European Integration - Rule of Law, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), Brussels*



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10.45: Panel Discussion: Legal and institutional framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tomislav BORIĆ, *Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Graz, Member of the Scientific Board of IDM*

Vedran DŽIHIĆ, *Senior Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP), Vienna*

Nina RADOVIĆ, *Researcher at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM), Vienna*

Adelheid WÖLFL, *Correspondent for Southeastern Europe, "Der Standard"*

Moderator: Marijana GRANDITS, *Academic Coordinator, Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at the University of Vienna*

12.30: Refreshment / Informal discussion

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