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Thursday 15

Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Professional journalist

- 17:00-17:30** **Opening Remarks**
Renata DESKOSKA, Minister of Education, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (tbc)
Antoaneta ANGELOVA-KRASTEVA, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
- 17:30-18:00** **Testimonies**
- 18:00-19:00** **Purpose of a Regional Alumni Association**
Panel debate between alumni, Minister of Education, European Commission
- 19:00-19:15** **Group photo**
- 19:15-21:00** **Cocktail Party and Cultural Event**

Friday 16

Introducing WBAA

- 07:30-08:30** **Early Bird Pilates [pre-registration only]**
- 09:30-10:00** **Scope and Objectives of the Meeting;**
Antoaneta ANGELOVA-KRASTEVA, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
- 10:00-10:30** **WBAA: Purpose and aims**
WBAA representatives
- 10:30-11:00** **WBAA: Structure and Planned Activities**
WBAA representatives
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30-12:30** **Parallel Thematic Workshops - Round 1**
**Participants can attend one workshop in round 1 and a second workshop in round 2.*
Workshop A: Imagining WBAA - Future projects and activities
Workshop B: Higher education challenges in the Western Balkans
Workshop C: Mobility and employability
Workshop D: WBAA ambassadors - How to help promote WBAA
Workshop E: Unity in diversity - Inclusion and reconciliation
Workshop F: Youth participation - WBAA as a key player in the region
Workshop G: Reaching out - Cooperation with Universities
- 12:30-14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:00** **Parallel Thematic Workshops - Round 2**



- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-16:30 National Workshops
- Workshop A - Albania
 - Workshop B - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Workshop C - Kosovo*
 - Workshop D - the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 - Workshop E - Montenegro
 - Workshop F - Serbia
- 16:30-17:30 Debriefing
- 17:30-18:00 Concluding Remarks
- 19:00- Official Dinner & After-Party

Saturday 17

Cultural & Social Activities

- 08:00-09:00 Early Morning Run – 5K [optional]
- 10:00-13:30 Boat and City Tour [optional]
- 15:00 Final departure

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