



65th anniversary of the reestablishing of the diplomatic relations between Austria and Albania - A unique relationship revisited

8. March 2021, 16.00-17.00 CET

Virtual panel discussion

16.00 Introduction Speech

H.E. Ambassador Roland Bimo

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Albania in Austria

Video Messages

H.E. Mr. Alexander Schallenberg

Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs

H.E. Mrs. Olta Xhacka

Albanian Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs

16.15 Panel Discussion

„Reestablishment of the diplomatic relations in 1956 and dynamics of their development until 1992”

Prof. Asoc. Pranvera Teli (Dibra)

Director of the Historical Archives, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

“Albanian-Austrian relations during the last decade of 20th century”

Prof. Dr. Paskal Milo

Historian, former Minister of Foreign Affairs (1997-2001), former Minister for European Integration (2001-2002)

“Traditional relationship in the EU integration era”

Dr. Erhard Busek

Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)

“Austrian contribution and influence in forging Western Balkans regional cooperation”

Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber

Professor and Director of the Center for South-Eastern European Studies, Jean Monnet Chair in the Europeanisation of Southeastern Europe, University of Graz

16.55 Concluding Remarks

Ambassador Mimoza Halimi

Director General of the Department for Strategic and Political Issues, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in Albania

Ambassador Klaus Wölfer

Director for Southeast Europe, EU-Enlargement and Twinning, Special Representative for the Western Balkans, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

Moderation

Sebastian Schäffer

Managing Director of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)