

Western Balkans in focus:

Understanding the role of third actors & looking for solutions to tackle the brain drain



Workshop

Wednesday, 6 March 2019

09:00 -13:00

Berlin Office ECFR, Entrance: Rosmarinstraße 1, 10117 Berlin

Agenda

- 09:00 *Coffee and welcome*
- 09:15 – 10:45** **Session 1: Third actors in the Western Balkans – understanding their role and objectives, with a special focus on Turkey.**
- Remarks by:*
- Asli Aydintasbas**, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR*
- Sabine Stöhr**, Head of Western Balkans Division, MFA Germany*
- Maxim Samoroukov**, Deputy Editor, Carnegie Moscow Centre*
- Tena Prelec**, Research Associate, London School of Economics*
- Chaired by:*
- Vessela Tcherneva**, Deputy Director, ECFR*
- 10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Session 2: Circular migration – how to stop brain drain in the Western Balkans? A look at the Irish model.**
- Remarks by:*
- Alida Vracic**, Visiting Fellow, ECFR*
- Vedran Dzihic**, Senior Researcher, oiiip – Austrian Institute for International Affairs; Senior Lecturer, University of Vienna*
- Maja Spanu**, Junior Research Fellow, University of Cambridge*
- Chaired by:*
- Joanna Hosa**, Wider Europe Programme Manager, ECFR*
- 12:30 *Conclusions and lunch*