

Dear Mr Vracic

I am writing to invite you to participate at the Wilton Park Conference on Bosnia and Herzegovina's future in Europe and the Euro-Atlantic community to be held between Monday 21 and Wednesday 23 November at Wiston House in Sussex.

While Croatia has completed its accession negotiations to the EU, and Serbia substantially enhanced its international standing with the arrest and transfer to The Hague of the two remaining war crimes indictees, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is in a state of deep political paralysis that threatens to lead to its increasing political and economic isolation in the region. With a new EU Special Representative (EUSR) at the head of a reinforced EU presence in BiH just starting his term, and European Commission progress reports on the Western Balkans due out in mid October, this is an opportune moment to bring key stakeholder representatives and experts together to assess how to reinforce stability and more broadly how to address BiH's EU future. A detailed conference concept can be accessed here ...

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Participation in the conference is by invitation only; speedy response would be greatly appreciated. I very much hope that we will have the pleasure of welcoming you to Wilton Park for this important discussion, and look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards
Robert Grant
Programme Director

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