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25 February 2008

Talk in Sarajevo – presentation at the Bosnian parliament – “A European Bosnia? Myths and realities”

Since 1999, ESI has published a large number of reports on Bosnia-Herzegovina, many of which have created wider public debates about the state of the country.

During the past year, ESI and the Bosnian think tank Populari have taken a fresh look at Bosnian realities – from interethnic relations and dealing with war crimes to energy policy and education – focusing in particular on some regions devastated during the war in the early 1990s: Central Bosnia and Doboj in Republika Srpska. This research was supported by the *Erste Foundation* and by the *Norwegian government*. The event was supported by the Swedish Embassy.

Populari's **Alida Vračić** and I presented the findings and their implications for future EU policy towards the country in the Bosnian Parliament. Discussants included **Osman Topčagić** (Director of the BiH Directorate for European Integration) and **Alexandra Stiglmayer** (ESI senior Analyst).

The event was widely reported on in Bosnian newspapers. There was also a lot of coverage on local TV channels. I gave a long interview about the research to Nezavisna Televizija from Banja Luka and to OBN in Sarajevo.

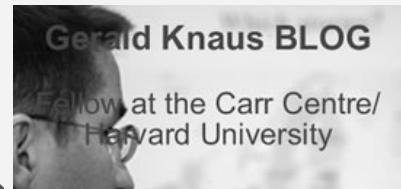
- ▶ **ESI report: A Bosnian Fortress. Return, energy and the future of Republika Srpska (19 December 2007). Also available in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian: Bosanska Tvrđava. Prosperitet Doboja, energija i budućnost Bosne i Hercegovine**
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Gerald Knaus and journalists after the presentation

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13 February 2008

Talk in Brussels – European Policy Centre – “Energy in the Balkans – the story of Bosnia”

I briefed on the EFT investment in Doboј, an official from the Stability Pact spoke about the EU/Southeastern Europe Energy Community, and Luan Shlaku from OSF Kosovo warned of the numerous problems with regard to the “Kosovo C 2100MW” project (a future third lignite thermo power plant in Kosovo).



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Talk in Brussels – Centre for European policy studies – “What is just secession? is Kosovo Unique?”



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- Dejan Anastasijevic: Who put bombs on my windowsill? (Vreme, October 2007)
- Stefan Apfl: Der Wachhund und seine Mörder (Falter, August 2007)
- Mark Mazower on ethnicity and war in the Balkans (updated 1997)
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