



We cordially invite you to a talk with subsequent discussion given by

H.E. Nikola Dimitrov

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje

» The Western Balkans after the Settlement of the Name Dispute – Accomplishments, Challenges, Perspectives «

Tuesday, 14 May 2019, 18.30

German Bundestag, Paul-Löbe-Haus (PLH), Europasaal, 4.900 / Entrance South, Paul-Löbe-Allee 2, Berlin

Languages: The minister will speak in English, the following debate will be held in German – both with simultaneous translation

Opening / Welcome

Manuel Sarrazin, MP, Spokesperson for Central and Eastern Europe of the Parliamentary Group of Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen, Vice President of the Southeast Europe Association, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of the Union of European Federalists (Europa-Union).

<u>Keynote</u>

Nikola Dimitrov was appointed foreign minister of North Macedonia in May 2017. He is considered the main architect of the Prespa Agreement signed with Greece in June 2018 which ended the decade long 'name dispute' between the two neighbors. The talk and the subsequent discussion will focus on the following questions: What challenges does North Macedonia now face after the settlement of the 'name dispute'? What are the expectations and perspectives regarding the EU accession process, both for North Macedonia as well as the neighboring countries? What chances and risks exist for the settlement of other bilateral conflicts in the region, for example between Serbia and Kosovo?

The event will be chaired by **Adelheid Wölfl**, Southeast Europe Correspondent, Der Standard, Sarajevo.

After the event, we kindly invite you to a small reception.

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