

## Online Discussion

# Breakthrough or Stalemate? The Prospects and Consequences of the EU Plan for Serbia and Kosovo



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Panel:

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### Topic

Recent months have experienced not only significant tensions between Serbia and Kosovo, but also the most substantial attempts of the EU and the USA to improve relations between the two countries. The plan to normalize relations, initially proposed by Germany and France, would include a de facto recognition between the two countries and the establishment of a Serb Association of Municipalities. However, key questions remain unresolved, such as the details of the association and the large implication for Kosovo's international recognition.

Both on the part of the EU and the USA, the agreement - even if it has not yet been signed - is seen as a positive step. However, despite both Belgrade and Pristina initially accepting the proposal for the

normalization of relations, it remains unclear whether the plan will succeed and how it will transform relations. The very difficult part is yet to come when an annex on the core issues is negotiated for the agreement.

The discussion will focus on how the plan has been received in both countries and what the potential impact on domestic politics is in both. What are the main challenges and will the agreement change the dynamic between Serbia and Kosovo or will it just lead to a 'cold peace'?



### Registration

The event will take place via Zoom. Please register under the following link to get the access data: [Registration Form](#)

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