

THE FORUM ON DEMOCRACY IN WESTERN BALKANS WILL BE HELD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

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The Forum on Democracy in Western Balkans organized by the European People's Party will be held on an annual basis to review developments regularly and strengthen cooperation between the center and center-right parties in the region.

In the declaration signed today, the center and center-right parties expressed the belief that their programs are the best guarantee for peace, stability and prosperity, the future of their countries lies inside the European family and the countries in the region have a real EU accession prospect. They also express their intention to intensify their efforts for the Western Balkans to become an integral part of a peninsula of peace and development in the first decade of the new century.

The participating political parties also point out that the EU should reconfirm its commitment for the preservation of the existing borders in southeastern Europe and express their opposition to extremism, instability, violence and the threat for the use of force against their countries.