

UPF European Leadership Conference on Balkan Stability and European Security

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Universal Peace Federation in partnership with the office of EMP Hon. Lukas Mandl, organized on 19th of November 2025 a European Leadership Conference under the theme “Balkan Stability and European Security”. The conference was held at the European Parliament in Brussels and proved to be a highly successful and impactful event, gathering more than 100 participants from across Europe and the Balkan region. The conference created a constructive platform for discussing the evolving challenges and opportunities related to Balkan stability and its significance for broader European security.



A major strength of the event was the strong representation from Balkan countries. Distinguished guests from Albania included H.E. Alfred Moisiu, President of Albania (2002–2007); Hon. Klajda Gjoshaj, former Minister of European Integration and Chair of IAPP Albania, was one of the key organizers of the conference; Amb. Albana Dautllari, Ambassador of Albania to the Kingdom of Belgium; and Mr. Kastriot Selita, lawyer, former Head of the Administrative Court of Appeal, and Chairman of Tirana Peace Council. Kosovo was represented by H.E. Fatmir Sejdiu, President of Kosovo (2006–2010), while Serbia contributed through Hon. Jovan Jovanović, former Member of Parliament and Ambassador to Indonesia. North Macedonia was represented by Hon. Marija Miteva, Spokesperson of the Government of North Macedonia. Their presence enriched the discussions and ensured that diverse national perspectives from the region were fully reflected.

Representation from the European Parliament was also notably strong. Alongside Hon. Lukas Mandl - Member of the European Parliament and co-host of the conference, three additional Members of the European Parliament from Croatia and the Czech Republic participated, each with a particular interest in

Balkan issues. Their engagement reinforced the European Parliament's commitment to fostering dialogue and cooperation with Southeast Europe, and especially regarding enlargement of EU with Western Balkan countries. It was important also to have representatives of the Embassies of Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro and North Macedonia present at the conference.



The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) was well represented as well. Mr. Jacques Marion – President of UPF for Europe and Middle East chaired the first session, and Dr. Michael Balcomb in the capacity of Senior Adviser to UPF International, gave meaningful speech. Especially his update on the unprecedented situation of the cofounder of UPF, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Mother of Peace - True Mother's, added a meaningful dimension to the gathering, emphasizing the importance of moral leadership and the faith-based approach contribution to peace.



Despite the overall success, several areas for improvement emerged. The assigned hall was significantly larger than previously announced and as a result the audience didn't quite fill the hall. Earlier information about the hall could have allowed organizers to invite additional participants and fill the space more effectively. Furthermore, the conference would have benefited from broader participation of Members of the European Parliament specifically with EMPs related to Balkan countries, whose presence would have strengthened regional engagement even further. Media outreach was another area that could have been enhanced. Inviting journalists or selecting targeted media partners would have increased visibility, generated broader public interest, and expanded the impact of the conference's key messages.

Overall, the conference achieved its core objectives and laid a solid foundation for continued collaboration on Balkan stability and European security.

Respectfully,
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