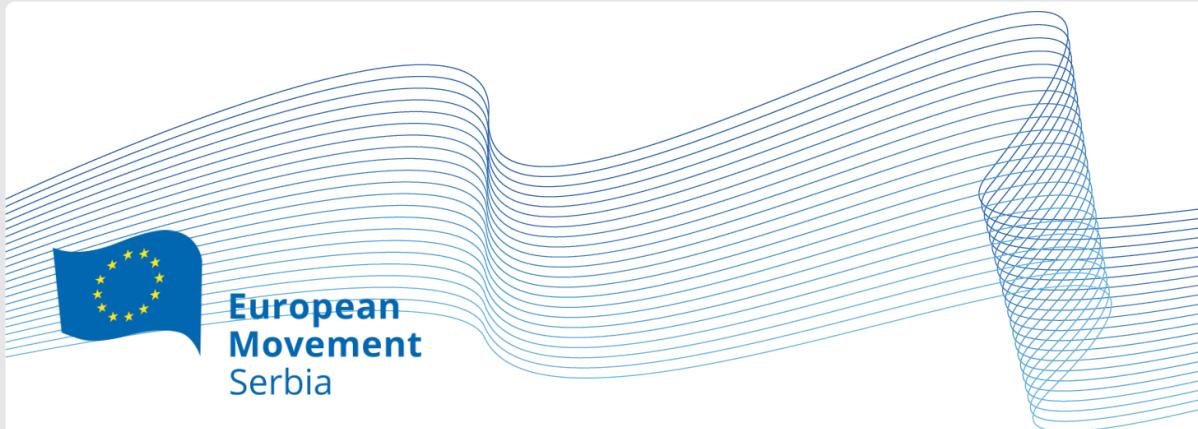


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### We Need More than Minimum Standards of Independence of Judiciary

The main message of International conference “Changing the Constitution on the Way to the EU: What would proposed amendments bring to the judiciary?” is that the Constitution won’t bring necessary quality to a young democracy such as Serbian, if the change of Constitution is based on accepting and adopting only the bare minimum of the European Union’s standards. The conference was held on Wednesday, June

26<sup>th</sup> in Belgrade, with domestic and foreign experts, professors and representatives of associations of judges and prosecutors participating.

Dutch Ambassador in Belgrade, **Henk van den Dool**, stressed the importance of providing conditions for independence of judiciary, which should be one of main goals. On the other hand, Vice President of European Movement in Serbia, **Vladimir Medjak**, noticed that there is no debate on constitutional changes in Serbia.

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## Serbia has the Most External Enemies in Citizens Perceptions

The conclusion of the **Security Radar 2019: Awakening for Europe** panel discussion 30 years since the fall of Berlin wall, citizens of the EU, but also other European countries, still are concerned about current security situation. Discussion moderator, journalist Ljubica Gojgić, pointed out that the citizens of these countries, when asked what they fear the most in the near future, answered they fear war and conflict, as well as that 75% of them are concerned by the increasingly present international terrorism. The research included Serbia, France, Germany, Latvia, Ukraine, Russia and Poland.

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## Is There Political Will in the EU for Western Balkans Integration?

Albanian Institute for International Studies, European Movement in Serbia and European Policy Institute organized the first panel discussion within the new project "[European Integration of the WB: Making a Realistic Perspective out of a Shifting Target](#)" in Skopje on June 17, 2019. The discussion focused on the impact of the elections for the European Parliament and the Brexit on the European integration process of the Western Balkans, with particular reference to Albania, Serbia and Northern Macedonia.

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## >> European Elections Bring European politics Back into Focus

Recently held European Parliament elections have drawn more attention and carried more weight than the previous ones, bringing the European politics back into focus of citizens – this is the conclusion of the conference “European Parliament elections – Results, expectations and potential influence on the Western Balkans”, organized by the European Movement in Serbia, Institute of European Studies and Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

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In the focus of this year's study visit to Bački Monoštor, within the project [Share your knowledge](#), there was economic empowerment of women at the local level. The visit on May 25th was organized with the aim of introducing participants to the creation of women from this Vojvodina region. Participants had the opportunity to meet and enjoy a pleasant atmosphere with strong women from the local and Podunav Association.

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