# BOOST: Balkans for Optimising Opportunities, Sustainability and Transformation of Civil Society

## Launching conference

## April 30, 2024, [Tirana, International Hotel](https://tiranainternational.com/)

# Program

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| 10:30–11:00  | Arrival and registration |
| 11:00-12:00  | **Opening remarks***moderator – Emir Coric, member of ALDA’s Governing Board** Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, President of B-40 *(TBC)*
* Sébastien Carreau, Head of AFD's country office in Tirana
* Oriano Otocan, President of ALDA
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| 12:00-13:30  | **Addressing European Challenges** *moderator Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary General of ALDA** René Troccaz, special envoy for the Western Balkans of France *(TBC)*
* Marie Augouy, Programme Manager, Delegation of the EU to Albania
* Alessandro Perelli, Vice president of ALDA and representative of Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region
* Roberto Antonione, Secretary General of the Central European Initiative *(*online)
* Natasa Vuckovic, Vice-President of ALDA and Secretary general of Center for Democracy Foundation Belgrade *(*online)
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| 13:30 -14:00  | **Coffee break** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Launching of the Project BOOST:** Balkans for Optimising Opportunities, Sustainability and Transformation of Civil Society*Opening speeches* * Catherine Suard, Ambassador of France in Tirana
* Nicola Le Guen – Head of the Civil Society Organizations Division, AFD (Online)

*Introduction to the programme* * Katica Janeva, Head of Western Balkans Unit at ALDA
* Zana Vokopola – Director of Urban Research Institute Tirana
* Dzenana Dedic – LDA Mostar B&H
* Q&A
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| 15:00  | **Lunch cocktail** |

Working language: English, French and Albanian