# 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 |
| 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) |
| 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 |
| 15:00 | **Lunch cocktail** |

Working language: English, French and Albanian