

**Bilateral meeting National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Assembly of
Republic of Macedonia**

15th of November 2013, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

Conclusions and Next Steps

Several general conclusion can be drawn from the bilateral meeting between the representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and the Assembly of Republic of Macedonia:

- Bilateral and multilateral meetings and cooperation between the assemblies of the Western Balkan countries is essential in the EU integrative process;
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- There is a general lack of capacity within the administration to control and do oversight on the IPA spending in the Western Balkans;
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- The NPC is proving to be an effective model of regional parliamentary cooperation and should be further promoted and supported;

In the following period in order to touch some of the issues discussed during the meeting and covered by the conclusions the following future steps are planned:

- Providing continues support to the parliaments from the Western Balkan region by helping them organize bilateral and multilateral meetings (next one in December 2013 between the Assemblies of Republic of Serbia, Montenegro and Republika Srpska in Trebinje);
- Organization of study visit for MPs and staff from the National assembly of the Republic of Serbia to the Parliamentary Institute within the Assembly of Republic of Macedonia;
- Experts from European Policy Institute from Skopje are made available on request to the Assemblies from the Western Balkan region as a way to transfer know how and good practices in the field of IPA oversight;
- Organization of a capacity building workshop for staff members from the parliaments involved in the NPC (Skopje, 29-30 November 2013);
- Production of case study about the IPA oversight in Macedonia and distribution to the other parliaments within the NPC;
- Organizing meetings with different organizations, institutions and foundations in order to explore different models and opportunities for funding and providing sustainability to the work of the network in the future. (SWG model of financing)