



Summer School for Young Diplomats

Montenegro, 21 – 26 June 2026



Agenda

FROM RULES TO REALITY: DIPLOMACY IN THE AGE OF MOTION

Sunday, 21 June 2026

Airport Transfers / Arrival to Kolašin
Check-in at Hotel Wulfenia

18:30 – 19:00	Registration
19:00 – 20:00	Welcome and Networking
20:00 – 21:30	Dinner

Monday, 22 June 2026

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome Remarks
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote Lecture • Milan Roćen, Founder of the Summer School and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro (2006–2012)
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	28 by 28 • Biljana Papović, State Secretary at the Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro • Predrag Zenović, Chief Negotiator of Montenegro with European Union
12:00 – 13:30	Round Tables on Montenegrin Foreign Policy • Ivan Ivanišević, Director General for the European Union at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro • Miloš Nikolić, Director General for NATO and Security Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro • Nizaheta Kurpejović Cikotić, Director General for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro • Radovan Bogojević, Director General for Economic and Public Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
16:30 – 18:00	Travel to Old Royal Capital Cetinje

18:00 – 18:30	Opening Ceremony at the "Vladin dom", National Museum of Montenegro • Ekaterina Paniklova, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme to Montenegro • Ervin Ibrahimović, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
18:30 – 20:00	Reception
20:00 – 21:30	Travel to Kolašin
21:30 – 22:30	Dinner

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast
08:45 – 09:00	Kick Off the Day
09:00 – 10:00	Keynote Lecture • Kurt Volker, Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis, US Ambassador to NATO (2008–2009), US Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations (2017–2019) Host: Miloš Nikolić , Director General for NATO and Security Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
10:00 – 11:15	Panel: A Changing World, a Changing Europe • Charles Powell, Director of the Elcano Royal Institute • Jelena Džankić, Programme Director at the European University Institute • Sebastiaan Maillard, Special Advisor at the Jacques Delors Institute • Wouter Zweers, Research Fellow on EU and Global Affairs at the Clingendael Institute Host: Dragana Marković , Director for Enlargement Policy at the Directorate General for the EU at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
11:15 – 11:45	Break

11:45 – 13:00

Panel: UN from YU to EU

- **Dejan Šahović**, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York 2001–2004 and Geneva 2004–2006 (Serbia)
- **Igor Djundev**, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York 2004–2007 and Vienna 2019–2023 (North Macedonia)
- **Mirza Kušljagić**, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York 2001–2005 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- **Nebojša Kaluđerović**, Permanent Representative to the UN in New York 2004–2006 and 2006–2010 and Geneva 2015–2016 (Montenegro)

Host: Dragana Šćepanović, Director for Common Foreign and Security Policy at the Directorate General for the EU at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

13:00 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 15:30

Panel: Region in Motion. Owing the Change.

- **Gordana Durović**, Professor at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Montenegro
- **Marko Mandić**, Trade Expert at the Central European Free Trade Agreement Secretariat
- **Pavle Janković**, Head of Political Department at the Regional Cooperation Council
- **Riccardo Serri**, Deputy Head of EU Delegation to Montenegro

Host: Violeta Berišaj, Director for EU Initiatives and Neighbourhood at the Directorate General for the EU at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

15:30 – 17:00

World Cafe: Trends and Developments in International Law

- **Sebastian Olislagers**, Senior Academy Fellow for Diplomacy & Capacity Building at the Clingendael Institute

17:00 – 17:15

Wrap Up the Day

17:30 – 20:00

Study Visit to Biogradska Gora National Park

20:00 – 21:30

Dinner

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

07:30 – 08:45

Breakfast

08:45 – 09:00

Kick Off the Day

09:00 – 10:00

Keynote Lecture

- **Christoph Heusgen**, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference (2022–2025)

Host: Miloš Nikolić, Director General for NATO and Security Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

10:15 – 11:15

Keynote Lecture

- **Adil Najam**, President of the World Wide Fund for Nature and Dean Emeritus and Professor of International Relations and Earth and Environment at the Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University

11:45 – 15:00

Travel to Žabljak with a stop at the Bridge on the Tara River

15:00 – 18:00

Visit to Durmitor National Park (UNESCO Heritage)

18:00 – 20:00

Travel to Kolašin

20:00 – 21:30

Dinner

Thursday, 25 June 2026

07:30 – 08:00

Breakfast

08:00 – 08:30

Hotel Wulfenia Check-out

08:30 – 09:30

Travel to Podgorica

09:30 – 13:00

Conference on Gender Equality and Diplomacy

Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro and its Women Diplomats Network within the framework of the Central European Initiative Cooperation Fund

13:00 – 14:00

Hotel Hilton Check-in

14:00 – 18:30

Travel to the Old Town of Budva

18:30 – 19:30

Cable car Kotor (Dub) – Mt. Lovćen

19:30 – 21:00

Sunset at 1350

21:00 – 22:00

Travel through Lovćen National Park to Podgorica

Friday, 26 June 2026

07:00 – 08:30

Breakfast

08:30 – 09:00

Hotel Hilton Check-out

09:00 – 09:30

Travel to Villa Gorica

09:30 – 10:30

Keynote Lecture

- **Filip Ivanović**, Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Montenegro

10:30 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:30

Closing Ceremony

- **Adis Pepić**, Secretary General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
- **Certificate Award**
- **Cocktail**

Departure / Airport transfers



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