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Press release: "Reconciling for the Future"

The Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe announces the launch of its groundbreaking programme "Reconciling for the Future". The programme is under the aegis of the Greek Presidency of the European Union, co-organised with the Stability Pact for South East Europe, and is supported by the Foreign Ministries of Greece, Norway and Sweden.

During the first stage of the programme, which started with success on the 20th of January, an electronic-dialogue platform was created on the internet at the address www.reconcilingforthefuture.org. This forum, which has already attracted 150 registered participants, constitutes a platform for discussing the prospects and problems of the Balkans, by the citizens of Southeast Europe and all the world.

The results of the forum "Reconciling for the Future" will be described and analysed at a conference which will take place between the 3rd and 6th of April in Thessaloniki, Greece, with the participation of personalities from Balkan countries, the European Union, and representatives of international organisations, non-governmental organisations and youth groups.

The programme aims to propose the idea of a regional charter that would formally support civil society reconciliation initiatives by committing to common values and principles. The plan also includes the creation of a database of all the current reconciliation initiatives in Southeast Europe, for their better cooperation and the easier funding of their activities.



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