

## Concept idea on the Conference

### “Collaborating for the accession to the EU: Reinforcing integrity through partnerships and good governance”

#### Background

Albania is now working at high speed towards its EU accession process by negotiating the 35 different policy fields or chapters. Having already held the final screening meetings for chapters under cluster one and two in 2023, the Albanian policymakers are progressing on the remaining four remaining clusters.

But the EU accession process cannot be a mere institutional, legal or regulatory programme, but also a socio-economic development agenda for the country where all actors need to have their say and contribution.

*“Collaborating for the accession to the EU: Reinforcing integrity through partnerships and good governance”* will be the main theme of the Conference of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Week of Integrity in Albania which is going to take place 1-10 December 2023.

The Conference will be a half-day event including interventions by political leaders, policymakers, representatives of private sector, civil society, academia and other actors on how to build stronger partnerships and manage governance aspects at all levels around the national agenda of the EU negotiation process.

#### About the Conference

**Date:** 4 December 2023

**Time:** 08:30 – 14:00

**Venue:** Marriott Hotel Tirana

#### Preliminary Programme

08:30-08:50	Registration
08:55-09:00	Welcome and opening
09:00-09:05	Opening remarks Ms. Bilgen Aldan, Chair of ICC Albania
09:07-09:17	Remarks/Speech
09:20-09:28	Keynote speech:

09:30 – 10:30      Panel 1: Collective actions for integrity as a paramount feature for the fundamentals

While technical preparations of the EU negotiation processes might require a high-speed coordination by experts of the public institutions, other actors of the society might not always follow this agenda in the same pace. For that reason, it is of paramount importance that it is provided the necessary space for civil society, academia, private sector, local government and other actors to take their role to ensure that the process is inclusive, transparent and accountable. This panel discussion will focus on the need, challenges and opportunities that partnerships and collective actions offer to the negotiation process and how it can better enhance results in the policy areas covered under Cluster 1 or the Fundamentals such as rule of law, anti-corruption, statistics, financial control and similar.

10:30-10:50      Intervention by the audience

10:50 – 11:10      Coffee break

11:15 -11:25      Keynote speech: related to internal market, IP, data governance or similar

11:30 – 12:30      Panel 2: The internal market and the governance of the things

This discussion in this panel will focus on the ethical conduct principles of the internal market of the EU by focusing on the four freedoms. The debate will touch upon topics related to the intellectual property governance aspects on innovation, investments, data protection, cybersecurity.

12:30- 12:50      Interventions by the audience

12:50-13:00      Concluding remarks

13:00- 14:00      Networking and lunch