

## invitation



### Podium discussion

## ”Youth Employment – Common Goal – Let’s find Common Solutions“

European Union – South East Europe

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006, 6.30 p.m.  
BAWAG P.S.K. Veranstaltungszentrum Hochholzerhof  
Seitzergasse 2-4, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
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**The discussion will be held in English!**

We kindly ask you to bring this invitation along and present it at the entrance!

## Host

**Rüdiger Teutsch** | Interkulturelles Zentrum/Director

## The podium

**Ursula Adam** | WAFF/Labour Market Expert

**Skender Boshtrakaj** | Agency for European Integration/Kosovo

**Manfred von Hebel** | European Commission/Youth Policy Unit/Educational Scientist

**Peter Lauritzen** | Council of Europe/Youth Directorate

**Gerhard Moßhammer** | Interkulturelles Zentrum/Project Manager

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**Aleksandra Vidanovic** | Balkan Children Youth Foundation/Director

**Violeta Zivkovska** | Youth Agency Macedonia

Europe is burdened by a chronically high rate of unemployment. Especially among young people the perspectives for a good job are discouraging. In its policies, the European Union clearly gives priority to measures against unemployment. The riots among youngsters in the suburbs of French cities last fall have been taken as a signal that the growing frustration of a whole generation endangers the very concept of the Union. Of course, unemployment hits the lower educated and immigrants most.

The picture in South East Europe is even more dismal: Youth unemployment is connected with a low level of democratisation and weak post – war economies, which means that also the higher-educated stay without a job, and as a result, aim towards the labour market of the European Union, for example. The result of this development is not a "brain gain" for Europe, but rather a "brain waste", since qualified people from SEE very often face the reality of poorly-paid jobs with low educational requirements within the EU.

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