

IDU Forum 2026 in Zagreb: Bosnia and Herzegovina must take advantage of the shifting developments in Europe



“The international community must stand firmly in preserving peace and stability, while local authorities are strengthening institutional functionality and advancing reforms. Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as other Western Balkan non-EU countries, must take advantage of the shifting developments in Europe to further their integration into the EU,” said High Representative Schmidt at the 2026 IDU Forum in Zagreb, where he took part in the panel discussion *“The Forgotten Frontier: The Western Balkans and Europe’s Unfinished Promise.”*

He also had an opportunity to meet with regional and international leaders, reaffirming the strong support for BiH’s EU integration and its continued commitment to strengthening cooperation between BiH and EU member states.