

FSD's Roots

The Beginning

Intro

The two people who initiated the founding of FSD – Forum for Security and Democracy – were Press officer Milan Jovanovic and General Ninoslav Krstic. The ret. General Krstic was, at that time, the Vice president of the Coordination Body for Preshevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja Municipalities (Southern Serbia) while Milan Jovanovic was the media adviser at Serbia and Montenegro's Coordination Center for Kosovo and Metohia. At the end of a very dramatic year, the year 2003 in which “the first democratic PM who smiled due west” was assassinated, and after a lengthy private discussion the two have reached complete agreement concerning the following statement:

“Reforms in Serbia will continue to be Sisyphus's work for as long as there are no true reforms, with full participation of the general public, of the Army, police and security structures.”

Neither man was personally in any conflict with these institutions; they were simply dedicated analysts of substantive issues relevant to the building of a democratic society and the implementation of reforms in Serbia.

That is how the idea to found FSD came about.



In the middle: Krstic (left) and Jovanovic (right) at one of the FSD's meetings

Founding

The founding assembly of FSD was held on May 20th 2004 in Belgrade. Several months prior to the assembly both Krstic and Jovanovic have, individually and in concert, inspired other future founders and assured them of the soundness of this undertaking.

This founding assembly had a long discussion which resulted in the democratic adoption of the fundamental document of the Forum – the Program, Goals and Tasks of FSD.

And thus FSD was founded.



Early period

The legal formalities and the registration processes were completed by the end of the following month and the association was registered as a legal entity.

Not wanting to wait for the paperwork to be finished, Forum members started working on two major tasks:

1. Assessment of social and professional tasks in the transformation of the system for joint defense of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro (with a well-grounded desire to provide a qualified and sensible approach in order to overcome unproductive and dangerous dissent within the State Union regarding this issue)
2. To contribute to the establishing of new protection system of Serbia's borders (this task had significant impact on the possibility of free movement of people and ideas between Serbia and Schengen countries).

FSD shared its views on these issues through public statements and via written communiqués to the highest officials of Serbia and Montenegro and its member states.

FSD has also, through those public statements, presented its opinions concerning the crucial issue of that time, the cooperation with the Hague Tribunal, as it perceived the significance of this cooperation for the overall security of the country as well as its European perspectives.

As was to be expected, this was met with complete silence among the still confused (and frantic) majority of the public as well as by a brisk reaction coming from the conservative tabloids, especially when the Hague Tribunal was concerned.

Stream:

FSD will not relent.

FSD believes that visions are as strong as facts and that is why FSD hopes and expects the faces of Serbia and the region to be different.