

## FRANZ VRANITZKY LECTURES

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### EDI RAMA:

## ALBANIA'S EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE

Introduction:

**Franz Vranitzky**, Honorary President, Bruno Kreisky Forum, former Austrian Federal Chancellor, Representative for Albania for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe from March to October 1997

Moderation:

**Ivan Krastev**, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies/CLS in Sofia, and Permanent Fellow at the IWM Institute of Human Sciences in Vienna

**Edi Rama** (born 4 July 1964) is an Albanian politician who has been Prime Minister of Albania since 2013. He has also been leader of the Socialist Party of Albania since 2005. Rama served in the government as Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports from 1998 to 2000, and he was Mayor of Tirana from 2000 to 2011. Rama led a coalition of socialist and left-wing parties that won the June 2013 parliamentary election, defeating the conservative bloc of Prime Minister Sali Berisha.

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