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08.45 Registration opens for all participants – Coffee/Tea

OPENING SESSION

09.30 *Opening Remarks*

Symeon G. Tsomokos, CEO, TGI Group International

09.35 *Opening Remarks*

Ana Brnabic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

✓ **Prof. Dr Zorana Mihajlovic**, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Construction, Transportation & Infrastructure of Serbia

Milorad Dodik, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

✓ **H.E. Sem Fabrizi**, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia

Mihai Fifor, Deputy Prime Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' implementation

Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic

✓ **Yana Mikhailova**, President of the Board of Directors, Foreign Investors Council

Member of the Executive Board, Eurobank

10.30 **SERBIA 2020-2030 NEW NATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

Mladen Sarcevic, Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development of Serbia

Dragan Ugrcic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Economy of Serbia

✓ **Prof. Dr Dejan Soskic**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

✓ **Kori Udovicki**, Founder and Member of Managing Board, Centre for Advanced Economic Studies

✓ **Ivan Vejvoda**, Director Europe's Future Projects, Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human sciences, Vienna

✓ **Sonja Licht**, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

✓ **Martin Knapp**, Managing Director, German-Serbia Chamber of Commerce

✓ **Prof. Dr Vladimir Crnojevic**, Director, BioSense Institute

Chair: TBA

12.00 Break

12.15 **A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

European integration is a core target for Serbia. Achieving sustainable economic growth through necessary reforms and closing the inequality gap seems a one-way street. An overview of the set goals to improve the country's economy, prosperity and integration prospects

✓ **Milun Trivunac**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of Serbia

✓ **Aleksandar Vlahovic**, President, Serbian Association of Economists

✓ **Prof. Dragan Djuricin**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

✓ **Violeta Jovanovic**, Executive Director, NALED

✓ **Stephen Ndegwa**, Country Manager for Serbia, World Bank

✓ **Anita Richter**, Project Manager South East Europe, OECD

✓ **Vladimir Vuckovic**, Member of the Fiscal Council of Republic of Serbia

Chair: TBA

14.00 Break - Light meal

14.45 **WHERE IS EUROPE HEADING TO? BREXIT VS WESTERN BALKANS**

Following the European Parliament elections a new political cycle opens. Despite the reforms achieved, there is a significant degree of economic divergence and rising inequalities. What are the current accession prospects of Western Balkan countries? Challenges and pitfalls to be faced before 2020.

- ✓ **H.E. Sem Fabrizi**, *Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **H.E. Gordana Bakota**, *Croatian Ambassador to Serbia*
- ✓ **H.E. Kimmo Lahdevirta**, *Finland Ambassador to Serbia*
- ✓ **George Pagoulatos**, *Professor, Athens University of Economics & Business; Vice President, ELIAMEP, Greece*
- ✓ **Corina Stratulat**, *Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Analyst, Brussels*

- ✓ *Chair: Jovan Kovacic, EWB President, Trilateral Commission ExCom Member, TC Serbian Group Chairman*

16.00 **SOUTH EAST EUROPE: THE REGIONAL STABILITY CHALLENGE**

The countries of the Western Balkans, find themselves, once more, in the centre of a critical geopolitical competition. It is high time for the region to overcome old conflicts and Western Balkan countries to take actions for securing peace and development

Matthew Palmer, *Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America*

Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, *Russian Ambassador to Serbia*

- ✓ **H.E. Thomas Schieb**, *German Ambassador to Serbia*
- H.E. Jean-Louis Falconi**, *French Ambassador to Serbia*
- ✓ **H.E. Nikolaus Lutterotti**, *Austrian Ambassador to Serbia*
- ✓ **Marko Savkovic**, *Program Director, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence*
- ✓ **Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes**, *Head of the KAS Office in Serbia, Montenegro, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung*

- ✓ *Chair: Valerie Hopkins, South-East Europe Correspondent, Financial Times*

17.15 **ENERGY GEOPOLITICS: THE CHALLENGE FOR SERBIA AND THE REGION**

Recent international trends in the energy sector could be an opportunity for Serbia and the region to turn things around and become key players in the energy sector. In a dynamic environment the next few years will be decisive in determining which among several competing energy visions will succeed. How should policy-makers balance investments in energy with global climate change commitments?

Opening Remarks:

- ✓ **Aleksandar Antic**, *Minister of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia*
- Mihai Fifor**, *Deputy Prime Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' implementation*
- ✓ **Petar Đokić**, *Minister of Energy and Mining of the Republika Srpska*
- Belinda Balluku**, *Minister of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania*
- ✓ **Jani Makraduli**, *Deputy Minister of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of North Macedonia*
- Zhecho Stankov**, *Deputy Minister of Energy of Bulgaria*

Panel Discussion:

David Livingston, *Deputy Director for climate and advanced energy at the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center*

- ✓ **Aleksandar Jakovljevic**, *Director of the Strategy, Business Development and Regulatory Relations Department, EPS*
- ✓ **Erich Jurdik**, *Deputy CEO on Construction, Turkstream*
- Maja Matejic**, *Portfolio Manager – Energy and Project Manager, United Nations Development Programme*

Chair: Dr Milan Parivodic, Parivodić Advokati / Lawyers, Minister of Int Economic Relations (2004-2007)

18.30 **End of the first Day – Cocktails**

08.45 Registration opens – Coffee/Tea

09.30 **A STRONG BANKING SYSTEM FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

Undoubtedly banking sector plays a crucial role in Serbia's economic growth. Although lately the sector has undergone significant restructuring, more needs to be done to improve business operation and results that will benefit all. What strategies should be followed in order to secure a robust and reliable banking system?

Opening Remarks:

Jorgovanka Tabakovic, Governor, National Bank of Serbia

Sinisa Mali, Minister of Finance of Serbia

Panel Discussion:

Slavica Pavlovic, President of the Executive Board, Eurobank

✓ **Jelena Galic**, President of the Executive Board, AIK Bank

Predrag Mihajlovic, President of the Executive Board, Vojvodjanska Bank a.d. Novi Sad

✓ **Slavko Caric**, President of the Executive Board, Erste Bank

Vojislav Lazarevic, President of the Executive Board, Addiko Bank

Chair: TBA

10.15 **FROM BRAIN DRAIN TO BRAIN GAIN**

Brain drain is costing Serbia up to 1.2 billion euro a year. Improving public finances, securing stable growth and foreign investment inflows are key components to secure value-added jobs. What's more to be done?

Opening Remarks:

✓ **Dr Slavica Djukic Dejanovic**, Minister without portfolio responsible for demographic and population policy

Panel Discussion:

✓ **Zoran Martinovic**, Director, National Employment Service

✓ **Zoran Tadic**, CEO, Neofyton

✓ *Chair & Speaker: Milos Tucakovic*, Managing Partner, Stanton Chase

11.00 **PROMOTING CONNECTIVITY IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE**

Connectivity has historically been the key to success. The better connected a region is the more business it is able to generate and the more ties it can forge. What competitive advantages does Serbia possess in terms of connectivity and infrastructure? In which areas is Serbia lagging behind its peers that could be further developed?

Opening Remarks:

✓ **Prof. Dr Zorana Mihajlovic**, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Construction, Transportation & Infrastructure of Serbia

Rossen Jeliazkov, Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria

✓ **Nedjo Trninic**, Minister of Traffic and Communications of Republika Srpska

Panel Discussion:

✓ **Antonio Lorenzo**, Head of Unit – Lending Operations in Croatia and Western Balkans, European Investment Bank

✓ **Zsuzsanna Hargitai**, Regional Head for Western Balkans, EBRD

✓ **Simon Ellis**, Program Leader for Western Balkans, World Bank, Vienna

✓ **Sotirios Theofanis**, Chairman of the Board & Managing Director of ThPA SA

✓ *Chair: Dragijana Radonjic Petrovic*, Vice President, Serbian Association of Economists

12.30 Break

12.45 **GLOBAL CHAMPIONS AND THEIR IMPACT IN THE ECONOMY**

Large corporations have an impact on host country, often in complex and imperceptible ways. Provision of significant employment and training to the labour force, transfer of skills and expertise, helping to develop the quality of the host labour force and adding to the host country GDP through their spending with local suppliers and through capital investment are only some of the benefits. How can Serbia maximize this impact?

- ✓ **Ivo Ivanovski**, Director for M&A, International Affairs and Regulation Telekom Austria Group
- ✓ **Ana Govedarica**, General Manager, ROCHE
- ✓ **Yana Mikhailova**, CEO, Nestlé South East Market
- Dejan Turk**, CEO, VIP Mobile
- ✓ **Vladimir Cupic**, Director, Atlantic Group
- ✓ **Erich Cossutta**, Managing Director, PEARL - Piraeus Europe Asia Rail Logistics (Member of COSCO Group) & President, Confindustria
- Vladislav Lalic**, Regional & Property Expansion Manager, IKEA SEE

- ✓ **Chair: Aleksandar Medjedovic**, Executive Board Member – Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Berlin/Germany

14.00 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

As AI becomes more sophisticated, there is an increase in algorithmic decision-making in all aspects of the society, in healthcare and education, in the justice system, in recruitments, in finance and giving loans and in optimising how consumers are targeted. How can Serbia capitalize on the technological revolution?

- Representative**, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- ✓ **Zeljko Vujinovic**, General Manager, Microsoft Serbia
- ✓ **Dejan Maslikovic**, Ass. Minister to Dev. of Digital Research Infrastr. in the field of Culture and Arts, Ministry of Culture & Information
- ✓ **Aleksandra Vuksanović Kurtović**, CEO of Atom partner and Member of Board of Directors at AIGO
- ✓ **Marko Kazic**, CEO, Zamphyr OÜ
- ✓ **PhD Drazen Draskovic**, Assist. Professor, The Depart. of Computer Science & IT, School of Electrical Engineering, University of Belgrade

Chair: TBA

14.45 **Closing Remarks – End of Conference – Light Lunch**

✓ In principle confirmed Speakers