



BULGARIA ECONOMIC FORUM

14-15 November 2013, Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan

Let's Talk about Economic Growth Generators

14 November 2013 (Thursday)

9:00 – 9:45 Registration for BEF

Royal 1 - Bulgaria Economic Forum

9:45 – 11:30 Official Opening and Round table:
Let's Talk about Economic Growth Generators
Working Language: Bulgarian/English

11:30 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 12:45
Investment Promotion: Overcoming Legal, Non-legal and Administrative Barriers facing the Business
Working Language: Bulgarian/English

10:00 – 11:00 Registration for Bulgarian-Serbian Business Forum

Royal 3 – Bulgarian-Serbian Business Forum

11:00 – 12:30 – Opening Session:
Fostering Economic Relations between Bulgaria and Serbia
Working Language: Bulgarian/Serbian

11:00 – 11:45 Registration for Agro-Start

Sredets Hall – Agro-Start Conference

11:45 – 12:30 Opening Session:
Agriculture: Encouraging the Development of SMEs in the Animal Breeding and Horticulture Sectors
Working Language: Bulgarian/ English

12:45 – 14:00 Business lunch **Major Environmental Infrastructure Projects**
Key-note speaker: Mrs. Iskra Mihaylova, Minister of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria *(by invitations only)*

Working Language: Bulgarian

14:00 – 15:00
Telecommunications: Business Aspects of Digital Economy and How to Get Benefits from It
Working Language: Bulgarian/English

14:30 – 15:30 –
Latest Developments and opportunities in
Trade and Investments between Bulgaria and Serbia
Working Language: Bulgarian/Serbian

14:00 – 14:15 Presentation of the Transnational Database with Products and Services Suppliers for SMEs in the **Animal Breeding and Horticulture Sectors**
Working Language: Bulgarian/English

14:15 – 15:15 Presentation of Business Practices and Cases in **the Animal Breeding and Horticulture Sectors**. Trends and Needs in the Provision of Business Support Services for SMEs in the Sectors (Part I)
Working Language: Bulgarian/English

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee-break

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15:00 – 18:00 **EU funds: Priority Areas to be Funded during the New Programme Period 2014-2020**

Working Language: Bulgarian/English

15:00 – 15:15 Overview of **the European Programmes and Funds under Management of European Commission**

15:15 – 15:45 Presentation of **OP Human Resources Development 2014-2020**

15:45 – 16:15 Presentation of **OP Innovations and Competitiveness 2014-2020**

16:15 – 16:45 Presentation of **Rural Development Programme 2014-2020**

16:45 – 17:15 Presentation of **OP Development of Fish-breeding Sector 2014-2020**

17:15 – 18:00 The European Funds and the New Strategic Sectors for the Sustainable Development of the Economies: **the Social Enterprises and the EASE & SEE Project**

15:45 – 16:45 Opportunities for **Common Tourist Destinations Development** in the Cross-border Region

Working Language: Bulgarian/Serbian

17:00 – 18:00

B2B Meetings and Networking between Bulgarian and Serbian Companies

15:30 – 17:00 Presentation of Business Practices and Cases in **the Animal Breeding and Horticulture Sectors**. Trends and Needs in the Provision of Business Support Services for SMEs in the Sectors (Part II)

Working Language: Bulgarian/English

19:30 - BEF Casual Party with Music and Networking Opportunities (*by invitations only*)

15 November 2013 (Friday)

Royal 1

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9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 12:00 **Major Infrastructure Projects: Priority Areas to be Funded during the New Programme Period 2014-2020**

Working Language: Bulgarian

10:30 – 11:00 Presentation of **OP Regional Development 2014-2020**

11:00 – 11:30 Presentation of **OP Environment 2014-2020**

11:30 – 12:00 Presentation of **OP Transport 2014-2020**