



# BULGARIA ECONOMIC FORUM

## Bulgaria Economic Forum 2014

Bulgaria on the EU Road to 2020

3-4 December 2014, Sofia Hotel Balkan

3 December 2014 (Wednesday)

### Royal Hall

15:30 - 17:00 Registration

17:00 - 17:45 Official opening

Mr. Vassil Terziev, Co-founder and CEO, Telerik

Mrs. Lilyana Pavlova, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works

Mr. Bozhidar Loukarski, Minister of economy of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. Ognian Zlatev, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria

Mr. Jean – Marc Peterschmitt, Managing Director, Central and SE Europe, EBRD

Mr. Doncho Barbalov, Deputy Mayor of Sofia

Mr. Tony Thompson, Country Manager for Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Slovakia, World Bank

Moderator: Mr. George Tabakov, Chairman, Bulgaria Economic Forum

17:45 - 18:45 Prof. Steve H. Hanke – Global Financial Trends. Bulgaria's Performance - What's Next?

4 December 2014 (Thursday)

### Royal 1 Hall

#### Part 1: Finance

9:15 – 15:15 Round Table: The financial situation in Bulgaria – current state and perspectives for the future

*Consecutive round tables discussing some of the most important sectors basic for the financial stability of Bulgaria.*

Format: Round tables with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

9:15 – 10:15 Round Table 1: Fiscal stability, state budget, external debt and perspectives for Bulgaria's accession to the Eurozone

Format: Round tables with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

#### Main participants

Mr. Velin Peev, Economic and Financial Policy Directorate, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. Valentin Iliev, Government Debt and Financial Markets Directorate, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. Tsvetoslav Mikov, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr. Miroslav Tonchev, Director General, DG Employers Systems, Bulgarian Industrial Association

Mr. Theo Thomas, Lead Economist, World Bank

Mr. Lubomir Mitov, Chief Economist, Institute of International Finance (Washington)

Mr. Petar Ganev, Chief Economist, Institute for Market Economics

Mr. Georgi Angelov, Chief Economist, Open Society Institute

Moderator: Mr. Ilian Vasilev, Honorary Chairman, Bulgaria Economic Forum



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## **10:15 – 11:15 Round Table 2: Current state of the banking sector in Bulgaria**

The Round table “*Current state of the banking sector in Bulgaria*” will be organized as a moderated discussion. The main participants will be invited to comment one of the following questions:

1. Is the stability of the banking sector in Bulgaria threatened after the case with Corporate Commercial Bank?
2. What will joining the Single European Banking Supervision mean for the banking sector?
3. How will the credits to the businesses and households develop over the next few years? What will the banks focus on?
4. Will banks offer new options for savings and investments to their clients as an alternative to deposits?

Format: Round tables with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

### Main participants:

**Mr. Chavdar Zlatev, Member of the MB, First Investment Bank**

**Ms. Aglika Sabeva – Tzvetanova, European Semester Officer, Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria**

**Mr. Christo Mihailovsky, Member of the MB and CEO, Bulgarian Credit Rating Agency AD**

**Mr. Alfredo Bello, Zolfo Cooper LLP, Managing Director, Bank Restructuring**

Модератор: **Mr. Tihomir Toshev, Executive director, CreditCenter**

## **11:30 – 13:00 Round Table 3: Current financial state of the Energy Sector in Bulgaria**

Format: Round tables with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

### Main participants:

**Mr. Petar Iliev, Executive Director, NEK EAD**

**Mr. Severin Vartigov, Deputy Executive Director, BEH EAD**

**Ms. Meglena Antonova, Bulgarian Photovoltaic Association**

**Ms. Christina Koycheva, Chairman of the MB, Bulgarian Wind Energy Association**

**Mr. Ilia Nikolaev, Chairman of the MB, Bulgarian District Heating Association**

**Mr. Martin Georgiev, Chairman, Association of Traders with Electricity in Bulgaria**

**Mr. Shishman Chaushev, Executive Director, System Electricity Operator**

**Mr. Konstantin Stamenov, Chairman of the MB, Bulgarian Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers**

Moderator: **Mr. Krasen Stanchev, Institute of Market Economics**

### **Serdika Hall**

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch



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## Royal 1 Hall

14:00 – 15:00 **Round table 4: Financial state of the National Social Security Institute and the National Health Insurance Fund**

Format: Round tables with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

Main participants:

**Mr. Biser Petkov, Governor, National Social Security Institute**

**Mr. Angel Djalazov, Deputy Chairman, Financial Supervision Commission**

**Mr. Nikola Abadjiev, Chairman, Bulgarian Association of Supplementary Pension Security Companies**

**Prof. Ilko Getov, Chairman, Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union**

Moderator: **Mr. Ivan Neykov, Chairman of the MB, Balkan Institute for Labour and Social Policy**

15:00 – 15:30 **Best practices in promoting of SMEs in Germany, Italy, Spain and Romania as a measure against the crisis in Europe**

Format: Presentation with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

Speaker:

**Ms. Tanya Trayanova, Head of International Cooperation Department Structural Funds and EU Programs, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria**

## Royal 2 Hall

### **Part 2: Eurofunds**

**Presentation of the common budget framework and the financing priorities of the new European Programmes**

*Introducing part: financing opportunities during the new programme period.*

Format: Presentations with Q&A

working language: Bulgarian/ English

Moderator: **Mr. Eugeniy Ivanov, Member of the MB, Bulgarian Association of EU Programmes Consultants and**

**General**

**Manager Euroconsultants Bulgaria SA AD**

9:15 – 09:45 - **OP “Human Resources Development” 2014-2020**

Format: Presentation with Q&A

Speaker:

**Ms. Tashka Gabrovska, State Expert, GD “European Funds, International Programmes and Projects”, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

09:45 – 10:30 - **OP “Innovations and Competitiveness” 2014-2020**

Format: Presentation with Q&A

Speaker:

**Ms. Lyudmila Tozeva, GD “European Funds for Competitiveness”, Ministry of Economy and Energy**

**Mr. Nikola Hristovich, Managing Partner, Finsys**



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10:30 – 11:00 - **OP “Regions in Growth” 2014-2020**

Format: Presentation with Q&A

Speaker:

**Mr. Ivan Popov, Deputy Director General, GD Programming of Regional Development, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Republic of Bulgaria**

11:30 - 11:45 Break

11:15- 12:00 - **OP “Transport and Transport Infrastructure” 2014-2020**

Format: Presentation with Q&A

Speaker:

**Ms. Galina Vasileva, Director General, DG Coordination of Programms and Projects, Ministry of Transport, IT and Communications**

12:00 - 12:30 - **OP “Environment” 2014-2020**

Format: Presentation with Q&A

Speaker:

**Ms. Svetlana Zhekova, Deputy Director, GD “OP Environment”, Ministry of Environment and Water**

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

**Зала Роял 3**

**Balkan Trade Bridge**

9:30 - 10:30 **Registration**

10:30 - 10:45 **Official opening of Balkan Trade Bridge**

**Mr. Luben Petrov, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Bulgaria**



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10:45 – 12:30 **Round table: The promotion of foreign trade – factor for economic prosperity**

*Topics to be discussed:*

- *Financial instruments for promotion of exports;*
- *Challenges of accessing international markets;*
- *Will Bulgaria start exporting innovative products and high-level-processed goods;*
- *Products marketing abroad;*
- *Institutional and political framework for promotion of exports.*

Main participants:

- Mr. Luben Petrov, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Bulgaria**
- Ms. Anna Karshovska, Head of Business Development and Controlling Department, Bulgarian Export Insurance Agency**
- Mr. Vasil Todorov, Secretary General, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- Mr. Veselin Iliev, Director General, DG International Economic Relations, Bulgarian Industrial Association**
- Mrs. Marina Hristeva, Co-chair, Bulgarian-Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- Mr. Marco Montecchi, President, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria**
- Mr. Tsvetan Petrov, National Grain Producer Association)**
- Mr. George Brashnarov, Member of the BD, Bulgarian Association of Software Companies**
- Mr. Ilia Keleshev, Chairman, Bulgarian Branch Chamber Machine Building**
- Mr. Nikola Zikatanov, Bulgarian Association of Electrical Engineering and Electronics**
- Ms. Mariana Brashnarova, Executive Director, Bulgarian Association of Communications Agencies**
- Mr. Emil Dandolov, Chairman, National Organization of Custom Agents**

Moderator: **Mr. George Tabakov, Chairman, Bulgaria Economic Forum**

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 - 16:30 B2B meetings in the frame of Balkan Trade Bridge**