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09.00 Registration opens for Breakfast Guests

09.45 **LEADERS' BREAKFAST** *(by invitation only)*

*Round Table Discussion: **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 Registration opens for all participants – Coffee/Tea

OPENING SESSION

12.30 *Opening Remarks by Chairman of the Leaders' Breakfast*

12.40 *Opening Remarks*

Ana Brnabic, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia*

Ivica Dacic, *First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs 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*

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

13.30 **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

14.45 Break - Light meal

15.00 **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.

- ✓ **Prof. Dr Tanja Miscevic**, *Head of the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the EU*
H.E. Sem Fabrizi, *Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **H.E. Gordan 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, President, EWB, Trilateral Commission ExCom Member & CEO, TC Serbian Group Chairman, GCA ltd*

16.15 **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*
- ✓ **Gerassimos Thomas**, *Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy, Hellenic Republic*
Naser Nuredini, *Minister of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of North Macedonia*
Belinda Balluku, *Minister of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania*
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*
- ✓ **Milan Zdravkovic**, *Executive Director, Operator of Distribution System, Srbijagas*
- ✓ **Aleksandar Jakovljevic**, *Director of the Strategy, Business Development and Regulatory Relations Department, EPS*
Maja Matejic, *Portfolio Manager – Energy and Project Manager, United Nations Development Programme*

17.30 **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*

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*

18.45 Break - *End of the first Day*

20.30 **Official Dinner: Guest of Honor and Speaker (TBA)**

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

10.30 **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

11.10 Break

11.30 **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 Jeliakov, 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 & CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority

Chair: TBA

13.00 Break – Light meal

13.45 **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
- Mike Michel**, CEO, Telenor
- ✓ **Ana Govedarica**, General Manager, ROCHE
- Silvia Verneti Blina**, General Manager, FCA SERBIA
- Adir El Al**, CEO, AFI Europe – Serbia
- ✓ **Yana Mikhailova**, CEO, Nestlé South East Market
- ✓ **Vladimir Cupic**, Director, Atlantic Group
- Vladislav Lalic**, Regional & Property Expansion Manager, IKEA SEE

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

14.45 **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?

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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

Chair: TBA

15.45 **Closing Remarks – End of Conference – Cocktails**