



Agenda for the German-Kosovar Economic Forum 2024 focused on Geo-Political Development and Economic Adaptation

Date: 2nd and 3rd of October 2024
Location: Klan Arena, Pristina



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Structure

The two-day conference has one main theme, three parallel programs aimed for German and foreign investors, and several side-events, such as three masterclasses aimed for local companies, and business breakfasts. In addition, it will offer a marketplace expo for sponsors and partners, several networking opportunities, and tailored programs for company visits. As well as special events/activities for the busy mornings and evenings, in Pristina. The main stage will serve to address topics for a broader audience, while the other stages will be used for the parallel specific programs of the conference.

Register here: [2nd GERMAN-KOSOVAR ECONOMIC FORUM Tickets, Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Please note: not all speakers are confirmed, thus subject to change.



9:00 - 9:30

Opening Remarks: **His Excellency Jörn Rohde, German Ambassador to Kosovo**

Welcoming Speech: **His Excellency Albin Kurti, Prime Minister of Kosovo**

Welcoming Speech: **Besnik Bislimi, Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo**

9:30 - 10:00

Moderator: **Fëllënza Çitaku, Journalist**

The Impact of the Berlin Process on Kosovo's Economic Integration in the Western Balkans

Keynote Speech: **Manuel Sarrazin, German Federal Government Special Representative for the Countries of the Western Balkans (tbc)**

10:00 - 10:30

Geo-Political Developments and Economic Adaptation

• **Dr. Jan-Peter Olters, Managing Director, OLTERS GmbH**

• **Eriola Bibolli, Member of the Management Board of ProCredit General Partner AG & Chairperson of the board of the German-Kosovar Business Association (KDWV-OEGJK)**

Moderator: **Adriatik Kelmendi, Award-Winning Journalist**



10:30 – 11:00

NETWORKING + COFFEE

11:00 – 11:30

Kosovo & Germany: Seizing Opportunities Amidst Geopolitical Turbulence

- Peter Beyer, Member of the German Bundestag
- Dr. Alban Hashani, Executive Director at Riinvest Institute

Moderator: **Anja Quiring, Regional Director SEE at German Eastern Business Association**



*One Session of each of the parallel programs will be streamed live in the main hall.

TECH SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

Moderator: **Shpend Lila, ICK**

Focus on cybersecurity, AI, digital transformation, Innovation an BPO.

11:30 - 11:45

Keynote Speech

“Securing the Future: Innovations and Challenges in Cyber Defense”

Drinor Selmanaj, SENTRY

(WILL BE STREAMED IN MAIN HALL)

11:45 - 13:00

Panel Discussion

From Compliance to Reality: Enhancing Cybersecurity

Moderator: **Hana Qerimi, StarLabs**

- **Dr. Leila Taghizadeh, Allianz Group**
- **Dr. Michael Tagscherer, G+D Giesecke+Devrient**
- **Pleurat Halili, NOVUS**
- **Hekuran Doli, cybee.ai**

ENERGY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

Moderator: **Uran Haxha, Kosovo 2.0**

Powered by **Network 4 Clean Energy Businesses (N4CEB)** 

Focus on renewable energy, energy security, and green transition.

11:30 - 11:45

Keynote Speech

Dr. Artane Rizvanolli, Minister of Economy

11:45 - 13:00

1v1 Interviews

Sustainable Pathways: Advancing the Green Agenda in the Western Balkans

Moderator: **Leke Batalli, Tetra Tech**

- **Sergiy Maslichenko, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- **Adam Cwetsch, Energy Community Secretariat**
- **Dr. Thomas Narbeshuber, BASF**
- **Musa Smakaj, ZILONIS**
- **Rouven Stubbe, German Economic Team (GET)**

INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

Moderator: **Donjeta Gashi, Journalist**

Industrial adaptation, engineering services, nearshoring, IT solutions, for the industry.

11:30 - 11:45

Keynote Speech

“From Concept to Construction: Kosovo's Innovative Approach to Engineering”

Donat Alaj, Ardnovatic

11:45 - 13:00

Panel Discussion

Transforming Business: The Rise of Nearshoring Solutions

Moderator: **Antje Wandelt, AHK North Macedonia**

- **Kushtrim Grainca, MUNDA**
- **Argjend Kameraj, Horn & Co. Group**
- **Mexhid Rexhi, Rexhi GmbH**

(WILL BE STREAMED IN MAIN HALL) IN GERMAN LANGUAGE

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH AND NETWORKING

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14:30 – 15:45

1v1 interviews

From Process Optimization to Customer Experience: Driving Business Success in Kosovo

Moderator: **Nora Hasani, German-Kosovar Business Association (KDWV-OEGJK)**

- **Bardh Lohaj, CELONIS**
- **Oliver Derler, Concentrix**
- **Kristian Kabashi, Numarics**
- **Paul Schmieder, Borek Solutions**

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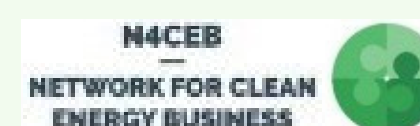
PODCAST (no audience, live streaming in main hall)

How to invest in the Energy Sector in Kosovo: A Checklist

Hosted by: **Rouven Stubbe, German Economic Team (GET)**

- **Avni Sfishta, GIZ Kosovo Energy Project (tbc)**
- **Bajram Neshati, Millennium Challenge Account Kosovo (MCA Kosovo)**
- **Fatos Hasani, ProCredit Bank**
- **Rico Koch, NOTUS Energy**

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Transformative Solutions for Modern Industry

Moderator: **Antje Müller, German Eastern Business Association**

- **Noara Bilalli, solution25**
- **Ismajl Baftijari, Institute of Science and Technology (INSI)**
- **Shpend Ahmeti, Data4X**

15-minute break

16:00 - 16:15

Keynote Speech: **Hekuran Murati, Minister of Finance, Labour and Transfers (tbc)**

16:15 - 17:30

“Kosovo: A macro-economic overview”

Presentation: **Dr. Riccardo Giucci, German Economic Team (GET)**

Access to Finance

- **Aivo Orav, European Union Office in Kosovo**
- **Sergiy Maslichenko, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- **Visar Perani, International Finance Corporation (IFC)**
- **Visar Paçarada, ProCredit Bank**
- **Besnik Berisha, Kosovo Credit Guarantee Fund (KCGF)**

Moderator: **Shkëndije Himaj, USAID Investment Promotion and Access to Finance Activity**

SIDE EVENT: NETWORKING /02.10.2024/

19:30 - 21:30

RECEPTION

Hosted by the Mayor of Pristina, **Përparim Rama**

Location: Centre for Narrative Practice, Pristina



08:00 - 09:00

* Due to limited capacity, attendees must register in advance to participate in this event.

Business Breakfast Option 1

Location: KD WV Office

Discussion will be focused on:

Commercial Justice

- **Mahir Tutuli, President of the Commercial Court**

Business Breakfast Option 2

Location: Hotel Sirius, Restaurant
HERA

Discussion will be focused on:

Tax and Customs

- **Agron Llugaliu, General Director of Kosovo Customs**
- **Ilir Murtezaj, General Director of Kosovo Tax Administration**

Business Breakfast Option 3

Location: Hotel Sirius, Restaurant
HERA

Discussion will be focused on:

Workforce and Labour Law

- **Internship Programme of German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans**
- **Riinvest Institute (tbc)**
- **Deloitte**

MASTERCLASSES

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Masterclass 1:

**Mastering Mergers and
Acquisitions: Strategies for
Successful Integration**

Masterclass 2:

Strategic Contract Negotiations

Dr. Philipp Wagner, Wagner
Arbitration, Berlin

Masterclass 3:

Generating Sales Through LinkedIn

Visit of the Innovation and Training Park in Prizren, Joint Company Visits

During the second day of the conference participants will have the opportunity to visit companies that exemplify the themes discussed in the parallel sessions. These visits will provide practical insights into how Kosovar companies can offer solutions.

All participants will visit the Innovation and Training Park in Prizren, where ITP will offer a guided tour through the compound, and lunch.

