

Conference Economy of Montenegro 2014

Economy – Basis for Western Balkans Regional Cooperation

24th and 25th September 2014
Montenegro, Budva, Hotel Splendid Conference and Spa Resort

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Working language: English / Montenegrin

24 th September 2014	
Open to public	
16:00 – 17:00	Registration of guests
17:00 – 18:00	Opening of the Conference <u>Welcoming speech</u> Velimir Mijuskovic , President, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro Dr. Eckhard Cordes , Chairman, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations MinDirig Andreas Obersteller , Deputy Director General, Department European Policies, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy <u>Keynote speech</u> H.E. Milo Djukanovic , President of the Government of Montenegro
18:00 – 19:30 Panel discussion/ Ministers Panel	Prosperity through cooperation – Challenges for regional cooperation for the countries of SEE on their way to the European Integration <u>Moderation</u> Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner , Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations <u>Participants</u> • Arben Ahmetaj, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Tirana • Fadil Ismajli, Minister of Economic Development, Prishtina • Vladimir Kavaric, Minister of Economy, Podgorica • Metod Dragonja, Minister of Economy, Ljubljana • Bekim Neziri, Minister of Economy, Skopje • Ivan Vrdoljak, Minister of Economy, Zagreb • Zeljko Sertic, Minister of Economy, Belgrade • Boris Tucic, Minister of Economy, Sarajevo (tbc)
19:30	Reception

25 th September 2014	
9:00 – 10:30 Panel discussion	Fit for the European market – how can we strengthen local companies to be competitive <u>Moderation</u> Stanko Zlokovic , President of the Board of Directors of Adriatic Shipyard Bijela <u>Participants</u> • Velimir Mijuskovic, President, Chamber of Economy, Podgorica • Ruediger Schulz, President, Foreign Investors Council, Podgorica • Dirk Vantyghem, Director for International Affairs at the Eurochambres, Brussels • Branko Azeski, President of the Managing Board of the Economic Chamber, Skopje • Representative, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Belgrade • Nemanja Vasic, President of the Foreign Trade Chamber, Sarajevo • Safet Gerxhaliu, President, Chamber of Commerce, Prishtina
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Panels	Agriculture as key driver for social and economic development in South Eastern Europe <u>Moderation</u> Jasmin Valjevac , Regional Project Manager, GIZ/ Alumnus, Internship Programme of German

	Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans <u>Participants</u> • Dragana Djurica, Expert on Integrated Growth, Regional Cooperation Council • Christian Gaisböck, Regional Director, KWS Mais GmbH • Djordjije Goranovic, CEO, Meat Industry Goranovic • Petar Ivanovic, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc) • Darko Knez, CEO, Konzum (tbc) • Natalija Kurjak, Marketing and Communication Manager, Viktorija Group (tbc) Municipal Infrastructure – Focus on water and waste water treatment <u>Moderation:</u> Friedrich Barth, Executive Director, German Water Partnership <u>Participants</u> • Günter Faust, CEO, WTE otpadne vode Budva d.o.o. • Vladan Vučelić, CEO, Podgorica Water and Sewage Corporation, Podgorica • Siniša Stanković, Deputy Minister for Waste and Comunal Infrastructure, Podgorica
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 Parallel Panels	Tourism <u>Moderation</u> Predrag Jelusic, State Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Sustainable Development, Podgorica <u>Participants</u> • Norbert Fiebig, President, DRV Deutscher ReiseVerband e.V. (tbc) • Sasa Radovic, Director, National Tourisms Organization, Podgorica • Julinda Dhame, Director, National Tourisms Organization, Tirana • Gordana Plamenac, Director, National Tourism Organization, Belgrade • Kristijan Dzambazovski, Director, National Tourism Organization, Skopje (tbc) • Ratimir Ivičić, Director, National Tourism Organization, Zagreb (tbc) Energy <u>Moderation</u> Dragan Mijajlović, CEO, Montenegrin operator energy market <u>Participants</u> • Ralph Blomberg, Managing Director, TE PLOMIN d.o.o. (RWE), CFO, RWE Hrvatska d.o.o. • Dr. Christoph Löwer, Director Government Relations & Sustainability, ALSTOM Deutschland AG (tbc) • Dragan Laketić, President of the Board of Directors, Montenegrin Electro transmission system, Podgorica • Marin Zovko, President of the Board of Directors, Plinacro dd, Zagreb
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00 Panel discussion	Banking & Financing <u>Moderation</u> Ivan Saveljic, Vice President, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro <u>Participants</u> • Nicolas Baron Adamovich, Senior Representative, Commerzbank AG and President of the German-Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Zagreb • Lawrence Meredith, Head of Unit, Enlargement Policy and Strategy, DG Enlargement, Brussels (tbc) • Giulio Moreno, Head of Office in Montenegro at EBRD, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development • Vladimir Kristijan, President, Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (tbc) • Christoph Freytag, Management Board, ProCredit Bank AG (tbc)
17:00	End of Conference
	Closing Reception and Opening of the 7th Alumni conference of the Internship program of the German Businesses for the countries of the Western Balkans