



AGENDA

18 November 2022 | Skopje, North Macedonia

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Official Address

Conference moderator:

Mr. Goran Petreski, Journalist and TV host

- *Welcome address*

Mr. Constantine Alexander, President Emeritus, Balkan Economic Forum (online)

- *Organisers*

1. Mr. Sasho Kjosev, PhD, President, Balkan Economic Forum
2. Mr. Nicolas Kyriakides, PhD, President, Cyprus Forum (online)

- *Short welcoming by officials*

1. Ms. Dubravka Suica, Vice-President of the European Commission (recorded)
2. Mr. Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Neighborhood and Enlargement (recorded)
3. H.E. Dr. Georg Woutsas, Austrian Ambassador, North Macedonia
4. Mr. Fatmir Bytyqi, Deputy President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, in charge of economic affairs

09:30 – 10:40 Regional economic cooperation – myth or reality?

Moderator: Dr. Rilind Kabashi, Economist, Joint Vienna Institute

Key speakers:

1. Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat
2. Ms. Zsuzsanna Kiraly, Deputy Secretary General, Central European Initiative (online)
3. Dr. Richard Grieveson, Deputy Director, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies
4. Prof. Sandra Jednak, PhD, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Belgrade
5. Ms. Tatjana Shterjova Dushkovska, PhD, Secretary General, WB6 Chamber Investment Forum



10:40 – 12:20 Balkan energy prospects for faster energy transition

Moderator:

Mr. Aleksandar Dedinec, PhD, Scientific Collaborator, Research Center for Energy and Sustainable Development, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Key speakers:

- 1) Mr. Grzegorz Zielinski, Director, Head of Energy Europe, EBRD
- 2) Mr. Hinrich Fischer, Head of Energy& Project Finance, ERSTE Banking Group, Vienna (online)
- 3) Dr. Ante Babic, Senior Policy Officer at European Commission DG ENER (online)
- 4) Mr. Gábor Szántó, Managing Director, Western Balkans Green Center, Hungary
- 5) Prof. Neven Duic, PhD, Full professor at the Department of Energy, Power Engineering and Environment, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb; Vice-president of Croatian Academy of Engineering, and President of the Management Board of The Centre for Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (online)
- 6) Mr. Damir Miljevic, Member of Managing Board, Sustainable Energy Transition Center, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 7) Mr. Milos Mladenovic, Managing Director, SEE Power Exchange (SEPEX), Serbia
- 8) Mr. Todor Angjushev, member of the Management Board of the Chamber of Commerce of North Macedonia, President of the Renewable Energy Sources Group at the Macedonian Energy Association (part of the Chamber of Commerce)

12:20 – 12:50 Break

12:50-14:10 Financing development & regional cooperation

Moderator:

- Dr. Nikola Popovski, former Minister of Finance, Current nonexecutive member of the Council of the National Bank of North Macedonia

Key speakers:

1. Ms. Joan Hoey, Regional Director (Europe) and Editor, The Economist Intelligence Unit, UK
2. Ms. Sandra Svaljek, PhD, Deputy Governor, Croatian National Bank
3. Ms. Rozalija Karchicka - Vasilevska, MPPM, Regional Economic Growth Specialist / Deputy Project Manager (REDI), USAID North Macedonia
4. Ms. Katerina Bosevska, PhD, Managing Director, EOS Matrix, North Macedonia and Kosovo
5. Ms. Herjola Spahiu, CEO, NOA Albania



14:10-15:20 Reskilling and upskilling of the Balkan labor force

Moderator:

- Mr. Zoran Martinovski, President at Prime Point Partners, North Macedonia

Key speakers:

1. Ms. Dragana Marjanovic, Specialist for Economic Inclusion, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
2. Ms. Ana Anžej, CEO, SAŠA incubator, Velenje, Slovenia
3. Mr. Mladen Mojsilovic, Head of HR at STAX Technologies, Čačak, Serbia
4. Ms. Vesna Ivanoska, Vice President of MASIT (ICT Chamber of Commerce), General Manager, SEAVUS Education & Development Center, Skopje, North Macedonia
5. Ms. Biljana Markovic Stamenova, Program Director, Makprogres Progressive Academy, Vinica, North Macedonia

15:20-16:00 Policy making innovations in the Balkans

Moderator:

- Mr. Goran Petreski, Journalist and TV host

Key speakers:

1. Ms. Aliye Taygun, Development Team, Cyprus Forum, Cyprus
2. Mr. Stefanos Loukopoulos, Co-founder/Director, Vouliwatch, Greece (online)

16:00-16:15 Event wrap-up/Concluding remarks

