



## FINAL AGENDA

17 November 2023 | Tirana, Albania

08:30-09:00 Registration

- *Welcome address*

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

- *Organisers*

1. Mr. Sasho Kjosev, PhD, President, Balkan Economic Forum
2. Ms. Herjola Spahiu, Board Member of European Microfinance Network (EMN), Board Member of IFJB NOA sh.a Kosove, CEO of NOA sha.
3. Mr. Nicolas Kyriakides, PhD, President, Cyprus Forum (online)

- *Short welcoming by officials*

1. Mr. Oliver Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Neighborhood and Enlargement (recorded)
2. Ms. Zsuzsanna Király, Deputy Secretary General, Central European Initiative

**09:30 – 10:40 Economic Chamber of North Macedonia**

**Topic:**

**SUSTAINABLE FINANCING IN THE BALKANS: WHERE ARE WE WITH THE ESG AGENDA?**

**Moderator:**

Ms. Adeliada Mehmetaj, Ph.D., Co-Founder, ConsciESG, Albania

**Key speaker:**

1. Ms. Laureta Qorlazja, Country Representative, International Finance Corporation, Albania

**Panelists:**

1. Ms. Vesselina Haralampieva, Senior Counsel – Energy and Climate Change, Legal Transition Team, Office of the General Counsel, EBRD
2. Mr. Metodija Minoski, Team Leader in Group Environmental Management, ProCredit Holding, Frankfurt, Germany
3. Ms. Lidija Nanus, Standing Expert group member in ISAR UN on Sustainability reporting and ESG implementation, UNCTAD
4. Mr. Kastriot Arifi, Senior Business Analyst, ESG Task Force member, Tikveš Winery, North Macedonia



## 10:40 – 12:00 EOS Matrix (North Macedonia)

### Topic:

#### **FINANCE TALKS - BALKAN PERSPECTIVES: IMPORTANCE OF DEEP AND LIQUID SECONDARY MARKETS FOR NPL TRANSACTIONS**

### Moderator:

Ms. Milena Perchinkova, M.Sc.Econ, Executive Secretary, MBA of North Macedonia

### Key speaker:

1. Ms. Katerina Bosevska, PhD, Managing Director, EOS in North Macedonia and EOS Kosovo (EOS Group)

### Panelists:

1. Ms. Lidja Schiavo, policy expert, Reporting and Transparency Unit, European Banking Authority (online)
2. Mr. David Gyori, CEO at Banking Reports, Top 10 Global Thought Leader in FinTech
3. Ms. Herjola Spahiu, Board Member of European Microfinance Network (EMN), Board Member of IFJB NOA sh.a Kosove, CEO of NOA sha.
4. Prof. Elvin Meka, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, Tirana Business University College
5. Mr. Petrit Balija, CEO, Kosovo Banking Association

## 12:00 – 12:40 Break

## 12:40-14:00 European Business Association (North Macedonia)

### Topic:

#### **CORPORATE POLICY DEVELOPMENT - A PRECONDITION FOR SMOOTH INTEGRATION OF THE REGION IN THE EUROPEAN MARKETS**

### Moderator:

Prof. Agim Mamuti, PhD, BEF Ambassador to Albania

### Key speaker:

1. Mr. Lek G. Kadeli, Associate Chief Financial Officer, United States Environmental Protection Agency

### Panelists:

1. Ms. Ledia Muço, PhD, Economic and Trade Advisor, EU Delegation in Albania
2. Ms. Antje Wandelt, Director of AHK North Macedonia and Delegate of German Industry for North Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania
3. Ms. Bilgen Aldan, CEO of BKT Pay, Chair of International Chamber of Commerce Albania
4. Mr. Viktor Mizo, Managing Director of Kostal North Macedonia and Vice President for Governmental Affairs at Kostal Group
5. Mr. Sanel Kusturica, CEO, Sparkasse Bank North Macedonia

**14:00-15:20 NOA (Albania)**

**Topic:**

**AGROTECH - AN OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGES AHEAD**

**Moderator:**

Mr. Ilir Pilku, MSc., Regional Senior Agriculture Expert, Albania

**Key speaker:**

Mr. Raimund Jehle, FAO Representative in Albania and Regional Programme Leader

**Panelists:**

1. Mr. Enio Civici, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Albania
2. Ms. Daniela Di Gianantonio, Digital Agriculture Team Leader, FAO
3. Ms. Milda Krauzlis, RIS Program Manager, European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Food
4. Ms. Marija Tanasoska, Deputy Regional Team Leader, USAID CATALYZE Western Balkan Engines of Growth
5. Mr. Marco Brini, Digital Agriculture Expert
6. Mr. Blagoja Mukanov, MSc. Founder, AgFutura, Skopje, North Macedonia

**15:20-15:30 Event wrap-up/Concluding remarks**

**15:30-16.30 Networking Cocktail event**

