

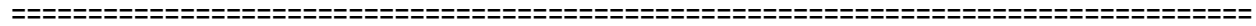


FINAL AGENDA

COCKTAIL PARTY

17.10.2024 | Zagreb, Croatia

19:00 – 20:00



BEF 2024

18.10.2024 | Zagreb, Croatia

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:10 Welcome address:

1. Mr. Sasho Kjosev, PhD, President, Balkan Economic Forum
2. Ms. Zsuzsanna Király, Deputy Secretary General, Central European Initiative
3. H.E. Ambassador Dr. Csaba DEMCSÁK, Embassy of Hungary in Zagreb

09:10 – 09:15 BEF24 Group Photo

09:15 – 10:25 Economic Chamber of North Macedonia, Skopje

Topic:

PROMOTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Moderator:

Ms. Sanja Arsova, Ph.D, EU Circular Economy Policies, South-East European Research Centre (SEERC), Greece

Key speaker:

Mr. George Kremlis, Ambassador of the EPLO to Bulgaria and Chair of the UNECE Espoo Convention & SEA Protocol, Athens, Greece



Panelists:

1. Ms. Ivana Maleš (INCIEN), Circular Economy expert and Co-Founder of the Slovakian Circular Economy Institute, European Environmental Bureau (EEB) council member and former Circular Economy Team Member, Slovakia
2. Ms. Marijana Novak, Director, Circle Economy Foundation, Croatia
3. Mr. Vedad Suljic, Managing Director, Center for Economic, Technological and Environmental Development (CETEOR), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Ms. Marija Dukovska - Pavlovska, CEO, Makstil & President of the Center for circular economy, Economic Chamber of North Macedonia

10:25 – 11:35 Institute for good governance and policies in environment and climate change, Skopje

Topic:

CLIMATE RESILIENCE: NAVIGATING CHALLENGES WHILE UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator:

Ms. Jadranka Ivanova, MSc., President, Institute for good governance and policies in environment and climate change, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Key speaker:

Prof. ing. Stefano Grimaz, Chairholder of UNESCO-Chair on Intersectoral Safety for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience SPRINT-Lab, University of Udine, Italy

Panelists:

1. Ms. Anastasia Bekish, Regional Coordinator on Environment and Climate Change, HELVETAS Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Warsaw, Poland
2. Ms. Sabina Lalaj, Attorney at Law/Partner at Lalaj & Partners, Tirana, Albania
3. Mr. Ivan Güttler, PhD, Director General, Croatian Meteorological and Hydrological Service, Zagreb, Croatia
4. Ms. Ivana Vojinovic, PhD, Center for Climate Change, Natural Resources and Energy of the University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro

11:35 – 12:15 Break

12:15-13:25 Faculty of organizational sciences, Belgrade

Topic:

CHALLENGES IN BOOSTING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Moderator:

Prof. Milos Jevtic, PhD, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Key speaker:

Mr. László Bódis, Deputy State Secretary of Innovation in the Ministry of Culture and Innovation, CEO of the Hungarian Innovation Agency, Budapest, Hungary

Panelists:

1. Mr. Tiberiu Andrioaiei, Secretary General, Romanian Association of Employers in Construction, member of the Confederation of Entrepreneurs and Investors of Romania, Bucharest, Romania
2. Mr. Dinko Eror, Vice President - EMEA Central Europe, Red Hat, Zagreb, Croatia
3. Prof. Sanja Jeremic, PhD, Deputy Director, Institute of molecular genetics and genetic engineering, University of Belgrade, Serbia
4. Ms. Sandra Hodzic - Falk, MPA/MBA, Public Sector Professional, Sandra Hodzic Business Consulting, Winnipeg, Canada

13:25-14:55 Balkan Economic Forum**Topic:****PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY****Moderator:**

Ms. Joan Hoey, Director, The Economist's Democracy Index and Europe consultant, Economist Intelligence Unit, London, UK

Key speaker:

Ms. Monika Figaj, PhD, Climate and just transition expert, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna, Austria

Panelists:

1. Ms. Magdalena Soljakova, Senior country officer for Croatia, Slovenia and North Macedonia. International Finance Corporation
2. Mr. Pavle Milekic, Associate Director, Energy EMEA team, EBRD, Belgrade, Serbia
3. Mr. Konstantinos Mastrogiannopoulos, Senior loan officer and country manager for Serbia, European Investment Bank
4. Ms. Mejra Juzbašić Bajgorić, Regional Director Southeast Europe, Finance in Motion, Green for Growth Fund
5. Mr. Davor Rubinić, MSc, Global Sales Manager and Head of Transformational Growth team, Siemens Energy, Croatia
6. Mr. Damir Miljevic, Member of Managing Board, Sustainable Energy Transition Center, Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:55-15:00 Event wrap-up/Concluding remarks