



FINAL AGENDA

31.10.2025 | Belgrade, Serbia

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Welcome Address

1. Mr. Sasho Kjosev, PhD, President, Balkan Economic Forum, North Macedonia
2. Ms. Zsuzsanna Király, Deputy Secretary General, Central European Initiative, Hungary
3. Mr. Gjergj Murra, Executive Director, Western Balkans Fund, Albania
4. Mr. Dinko Eror, Vice President EMEA Central, North and Eastern Europe, Red Hat, Germany

09:15 – 09:25 BEF24 Group Photo

09:30 – 10:50 Red Hat (Frankfurt)

Topic:

DIGITALIZING THE BALKANS – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator:

Mr. Stanislaw Leszczynski, Regional Sales Manager for the CEE Region, Red Hat, Poland

Key speaker:

Ms. Agnes Dora Fabok, General Manager Central and Eastern Europe, Red Hat, Hungary

Panelists:

1. Mr. Saša Bilić, CEO, APIS IT, Croatia
2. Prof. Róbert Marciniak, Ph.D, Associate Professor at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
3. Ms. Tanja Kuzman, CEO, Digital Serbia Initiative, Serbia
4. Mr. Dinko Eror, Vice President EMEA Central, North and Eastern Europe, Red Hat, Germany
5. Mr. Nebojsa Bjelotomic, Advisor to the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia



10:50 – 12:00 Engineering Institution of Macedonia (Skopje)

Topic:

INFRASTRUCTURE CONNECTIVITY IN THE BALKANS

Moderator:

Prof. Draženko Glavić, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Key speaker:

1. Mr. Matej Zakonjšek, Director, Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community, Slovenia

Panelists:

1. Mr. Andrej Lepavcov, PhD, President, Engineering Institution of Macedonia, North Macedonia
2. Mr. Yasen Georgiev, CEO, Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Bulgaria
3. Mr. Ardian Hackaj, Coordinator, Tirana Connectivity Forum, Albania
4. Prof. Vuk Bogdanovic, Full Professor, Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

12:00 – 12:40 Lunch Break

12:40-13:50 Association for regional development Balkan Economic Forum (Skopje)

Topic:

DATA-DRIVEN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Moderator:

Ms. Katarina Stancic, Head, Division for Time Series Analysis, Quality and Statistical Standards, Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, Serbia

Key speaker:

Ms. Danijela Bobic Tasic, Economic Development Specialist, UNDP Serbia

Panelists:

1. Prof. Ksenija Dumcic, PhD, Full Prof. in Business Statistics and Econometrics, International Statistical Institute's (ISI) Committee on Women in Statistics Advisory Member (Past Chair) & ISI Public Voice of Statistics Consortium members, Croatia
2. Prof. Blagica Novkovska, PhD, International Consultant, Head of Data Science and Business Intelligence for the Balkan Economic Forum, North Macedonia
3. Mr. Fahir Kanlic, Head of Department for Industry and Construction Statistics, Sector for Business Statistics, Agency for statistics, Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Prof. Milika Mirkovic, Researcher/Analyst (Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses) and Assistant Professor (University of Donja Gorica, Faculty for International Economics, Finance and Business), Montenegro



13:50-15:00 Circular Gaia Symposium (Athens)

Topic:

BLUE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Moderator:

Mr. Boris Scekcic, MSc, Environmental Protection and Circular Economy Expert, Serbia

Key speaker:

Mr. George Kremlis, Honorary Director of the EU Commission, Ambassador of the EPLO to Bulgaria, Chair of the UNECE Espoo Convention & the SEA Protocol. Co-founder, President Circular Gaia Symposium, Greece

Panelists:

1. Ms. Anthi Panagiotou, Advisor in EU Projects & Regional Development, Greece
2. Ms. Jadranka Ivanova, MSc., President, Institute for good governance and policies in environment and climate change, North Macedonia
3. Ms. Svetlana Zhekova, International climate and environment policy expert, Member of the Expert Advisory Board to the EU Mission for Climate Change Adaptation, Member of the Strategic Foresight Committee of the Green Transition Forum for CEE, Bulgaria
4. Dr. Ornela Çuçi, Former Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment, Albania

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

