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SEVENTH EU-SOUTHEAST EUROPE SUMMIT: A sustainable recovery for the Balkans? Serbia in a leading role

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Thursday, October 4th 2018

14:00	Registration and refreshments
14:30	<p>THE ECONOMIST'S OUTLOOK FOR EUROPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Growth perspectives in EU and south-east Europe ▪ Which countries will fare best and which will struggle? <p>* Joan Hoey, regional director, Europe, The Economist Intelligence Unit * Laza Kekić, independent consultant, former regional director for Europe and director for country forecasting services, The Economist Intelligence Unit</p>
14:45	Discussion
15:00	<p>Official opening</p> <p>THE BALKANS AND EUROPE: EU INTEGRATION AND REGIONAL STABILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solving political disputes to enhance economic ties <p>Keynote address * Ana Brnabić, prime minister, Serbia</p> <p>In dialogue with prime ministers from the region (speakers' names appear in alphabetical order) Boyko Borissov, prime minister, Bulgaria Duško Marković, prime minister, Montenegro Edi Rama, prime minister, Albania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brexit: What next for Britain and Europe? The Rt Hon. the Lord Malloch-Brown, KCMG, member, House of Lords, UK * John Bruton, former prime minister, Ireland ▪ EU enlargement and the Western Balkans Nikos Kotzias, minister for foreign affairs, Greece Jadranka Joksimović, minister for European integration, Serbia Genoveva Ruiz-Calavera, director, Western Balkans, Directorate-General European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission * Ian Lesser, executive director, Transatlantic Centre, vice-president for foreign policy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States * George Koumoutsakos, shadow foreign minister, New Democracy party, Greece
16:25	Discussion
16:50	<p>AMERICA, EUROPE AND CHINA: HOW ARE TRADE WARS AFFECTING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY?</p> <p>Kyle Randolph Scott, US ambassador to Serbia Denis Keefe, UK ambassador to Serbia</p>
17:10	Discussion
17:30	End of day's sessions
19:00	Arrival of guests-cocktail reception
20:00	<p>OPENING GALA DINNER</p> <p><i>Guest of honour and keynote speaker:</i> Aleksandar Vučić, president of the Republic of Serbia</p>

Friday, October 5th 2018

08:30	Registration and refreshments
09:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p>FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THE BALKANS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fiscal policies in the region: An end to austerity?▪ Economic transition in south-east Europe: What remains to be done? <p>Keynote address</p> <p>* Paolo Scaroni, deputy chairman, Rothschild Group, former CEO, ENI</p> <p>Vladislav Goranov, minister of finance, Bulgaria</p> <p>Siniša Mali, minister of finance, Serbia</p> <p>Mugur Isărescu, governor, National Bank of Romania, member of the Romanian Academy</p> <p>Pavle Petrović, president of the fiscal council, Serbia</p> <p>* Peter Sanfey, deputy director for country economics and policy, EBRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The investment viewpoint <p>* Dominique Bolli, head of government advisory, Henley & Partners</p>
10:00	Discussion
10:30	<p>2020 AND BEYOND: WELCOMING THE INNOVATIVE DIGITAL ERA FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE?</p> <p>Keynote address</p> <p>* Harper Reed, chief technology officer, Obama for America 2012, hacker and entrepreneur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Digitalisation and innovation in Serbia: Playing a decisive role?▪ SMEs & start-ups in Serbia <p>Mladen Šarčević, minister of education, science and technological development, Serbia</p> <p>* Matteo Rivellini, head of division, in charge of public sector, Slovenia, Croatia, Western Balkans, European Investment Bank</p> <p>* Maja Andjelkovic, team leader for Serbia Research Innovation and Technology Transfer Project, The World Bank</p> <p>Zeljko Vujinovic, country general manager, Serbia & Montenegro, Microsoft Development Center Serbia</p>
11:30	Discussion
11:50	Coffee break

12:20

**BEYOND THE EU:
CHINESE, RUSSIAN, US AND NORWEGIAN INVESTMENT IN THE REGION**

- The Silk Road initiative & expansion to the Western Balkans:

Zhang Ming, ambassador, head of the Chinese mission to the EU

Sean Marion, managing director, Financial Institutions Group, Moody's Investors Service

- The business response:

Elena Burmistrova, director-general, Gazprom Export

Sigve Brekke, president and CEO, Telenor Group

Erik Bouts, chief executive officer, Fibre Packaging

13:00 Discussion

13:20 Networking luncheon

14:50

**LOOKING THROUGH ALICE'S MAGIC MIRROR:
WHAT LIES IN STORE FOR BUSINESS?**

- **Attracting Foreign Direct Investment: Why Serbia?**

Marko Čadež, president, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia

Michael Otter, CEO, Advantage Austria

Marco Mariotti, president, eastern Europe region, Philip Morris International

* **Bojan Markovic**, deputy director for sector economics and policy, EBRD

* **Gaetano Massara**, president & CEO, Tungsram South Europe

Dejan Turk, chairman of the board, A1 Slovenija (Telekom Austria Group)

Silvia Verneti, director general, FIAT Chrysler Automobiles Serbia

- **Strengthening ties between Cyprus and Serbia**

* **Marios Demetriades**, former minister of transport, communication and works, Cyprus, managing partner, MD Mindset Consulting

* **Marko Blagojevic**, ambassador of the Republic of Serbia in Cyprus

15:50 Discussion

16:10

THE EUROPEAN ENERGY ROADMAP TO 2050

- Regional geopolitical challenges in energy supply and transportation
- LNG and pipelines: Where do we stand?

Setting the stage:

Beate Raabe, secretary general, Eurogas

Konstantin Simonov, founder and director general, National Energy Security Fund, Russia

- The Minister's response

Aleksandar Antić, minister of mining & energy, Serbia

Anton Anton, minister of energy, Romania

- Significant geostrategic developments in the Energy map for SE Europe & Eastern Mediterranean:
What lies ahead?

* **Othon Anastasakis**, senior research fellow in South European studies; director, St Antony's South East European Studies at Oxford University

Denisa Kostovicova, associate professor of global Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science

* **Cigdem Borke Tunali**, associate professor, department of economics, Faculty of Economics, Istanbul University, Turkey

- The business perspective:

Efstathios Tsotsoros, chairman and chief executive officer, Hellenic Petroleum

Pierre Vergerio, executive vice-president, Gas Midstream, Energy Management & Optimization, Edison, chief executive officer, IGI Poseidon

17:10

Discussion

17:20

HAVE A SAY – LIVE POLLING AND DISCUSSION**WILL REGIONAL DISPUTES BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE?**

17:30

Discussion and conclusions

18:00

End of conference

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