

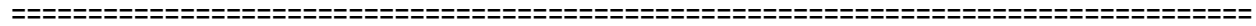


## DRAFT AGENDA

### 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:

Ms. Emmanuelle Maire, Deputy to the Director of the DG Environment, European Commission, responsible for Circular economy, sustainable production and consumption (TBC)



**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. AHV ecological service/The Czech waste management association (CAOH), Prague, Czech Republic (to be nominated)
3. Mr. Vedad Suljic, Managing Director, Center for Economic, Technological and Environmental Development (CETEOR), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Ms. Marija Dukovska, 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. To be announced
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 – 12:10 Break**

**12:10-13:30 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. European Fund for Southeast Europe (to be nominated)
2. Mr. Tiberiu Andrioaiei, Vice President of the National Council, General Union of Romanian Industrialists, Bucharest, Romania
3. Mr. Dinko Eror, Vice President - EMEA Central Europe, Red Hat, Zagreb, Croatia
4. Prof. Sanja Jeremic, PhD, Deputy Director, Institute of molecular genetics and genetic engineering, University of Belgrade, Serbia
5. Ms. Sandra Hodzic - Falk, MPA/MBA, Public Sector Professional, Sandra Hodzic Business Consulting, Winnipeg, Canada

**13:30-14:40 Balkan Economic Forum****Topic:****PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY****Moderator:**

To be announced

**Key speaker:**

Mr. Artur Lorkowski, Director of the 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. Mr. Damir Miljevic, Member of Managing Board, Sustainable Energy Transition Center, Bosnia and Herzegovina
5. Mr. Holger Schroeder, Head of Unit, European Commission Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations, Western Balkans Investment Framework (TBC)

**14:40 – 15.40 Balkan Economic Forum****Topic:****GREEN FINANCING CAPACITY****Moderator:**

Ms. Joan Hoey, Regional Director (Europe) and Editor, the Economist Intelligence Unit, UK

**Panelists:**

1. Mr. Amir Salkanovic, CEO, ProCredit Bank, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Mr. Sanel Kusturica, CEO, Sparkasse Bank, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia
3. CEO, NLB Bank, to be announced
4. CEO, UniCredit Bank, to be announced
5. CEO, Raiffeisen Bank, to be announced

6. CEO, Banca Intessa, to be announced
7. CEO, OTP Bank, to be announced

**15:40-15:50 Event wrap-up/Concluding remarks**

