



13th Economic Summit of the Republic of Serbia

Metropol Palace, Belgrade
Monday-Tuesday, October 14-15, 2013

“Building a new vision for Serbia’s economic future”

Under the Auspices

**Serbia Investment & Export Promotion Agency
Economics Institute
Foreign Investors Council**



Conference Program - last updated October 10

Monday, October 14, 2013

Metropol Palace - Grand Ballroom

12.30 *Arrival of Participants-Registration/ coffee –light lunch*

13.15 *Conference Opening:
Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI Group International*

Opening Session

13.20 *Opening Speech:
H.E. Ivica Dacic, Prime Minister & Minister of Interior of the Republic of Serbia*

13.35 *Keynote Speech:
Elmar Brok, MP, Chairman, External Affairs, Committee, European Parliament*

14.00 *Keynote Speech:
Milorad Dodik, President of the Republic of Srpska*

14.15 *Keynote Speech:
Sasa Radulovic, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Serbia*

*Keynote Speech:
14.45 Frederic Coin, President, Foreign Investors Council (FIC)*

15.00 **|The status of the EU Membership accessions talks: how ready Serbia is?**

Branko Ruzic, Minister without portfolio in charge of EU Integration

Michael Davenport, Head of EU Delegation to the Republic of Serbia

Henri Bohnet, Head of the Serbian office, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Chair: Chrysostomos Sfatos, Public Affairs Consultant

|The necessary reforms to achieve macroeconomic stability:

15.45 **The Official View**

Pavle Petrovic, President, Fiscal Council of the Republic of Serbia

Daehaeng Kim, IMF Resident Representative for Serbia

Dragan Sagovnovic, Managing Director, Economics Institute/ Chair & Speaker

16.30 **The Academic View**

Gikas A. Hardouvelis, Professor, Department of Banking & Financial Management, University of Piraeus, economic advisor to former Greek Prime Minister

Mirko Cvetkovic, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

Kori Udovicki, Board Chair and Director, Center for Advanced Economic Studies

Miroljub Labus, Professor, Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade

Dr. Dusan Vujovic, Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration, Belgrade

Dr. Vladimir Vuckovic, Professor, Megatrend University

Chair: Dragan Djuricin, Professor, Faculty of Economics at the University of Belgrade

17.45 *Break – coffee/tea*

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|The necessary reforms to achieve macroeconomic stability:

18.00 **The Business View**

Branislav Grujic, *President, PSP Farman*

Aleksandar Vlahovic, *President, Serbian Association of Economists*

Darko Popovic, *Member of the Executive Board and Head of the Corporate Banking Division, Banca Intesa*

Zoran Mitrovic, *Chief Executive Officer, Victoria Group*

Mihailo Jankovic, *Chief Executive Officer, Knjaz Milos*

Chair: Toplica Spasojevic, President, ITM Group

19.00 **|Tackling Unemployment in the years to come: the Herculean task**

Keynote addresses:

Igor Mirovic, *Ministry of Regional Development and Local Self-Government of the Republic of Serbia*

Dragan Glamocic, *Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Government of Serbia*

Nebojsa Atanackovic, *President of the Serbian Association of Employers*

Professor Miladin Sevarlic, *Faculty-Agriculture & President of the Serbian Association of Agricul. Economists*

Dr. Milan Parivodic, *Attorney at law & President of ForInvest, f. Minister of Intl. Economic Relations*

Violeta Jovanovic, *Executive Director, NALED*

Chair: Litsa Panayotopoulos, Partner, Boston Hamilton

20.00 *End of first day of the Conference*

20:30 *Dinner (by invitation only)*

Guest Speaker

H.E. Aleksandar Vucic, *First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia*

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

09.00 *Arrival of Participants-Coffee/Tea*

09.30 | **Building closer political and economic links with the leading and neighboring Nations**

Keynote addresses:

Dr. Zsolt Becsey, *Coordinator for Foreign Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary*

H.E. Francois-Xavier Deniau, *French Ambassador in Serbia*

H.E. Dr. Johannes Eigner, *Ambassador of Austria to Serbia*

Chair: Dr Ana S. Trbovich, Dean at FEFA-Faculty of Economics, Finance & Administration

10.30 | **Necessary steps to improve Transparency and cutting Bureaucracy in business and politics. How easy is to cut the Gordian knot?**

Dr. Danilo Nikolic, *State Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration of Serbia*

Srdjan Lazovic, *Vice President, Foreign Investors Council*

Vladimir Goati, *Transparency International in Serbia*

Chair: Dragan Sagovnovic, Managing Director, Economics Institute

11.30 | **How Infrastructure projects can sustain further job creation**

Dejan Novakovic, *State Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Development & Environmental Protection of Serbia*

Dusan Bajatovic, *Chief Executive Officer, Srbijagas*

Stathis Natsis, *Executive Director, Overseas Business, TERNA S.A*

Chair: George Stassis.....

12.30 | **How the EC works, how legislation and policy are made (and by whom) and how companies can engage in the policy making process. What implications are there for Serbian companies and the Serbian economy of official EU candidate status?**

Presentation by:

Linus Turner, *Director, Brunswick Group*

Introduction: Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI Group International

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13.15 *Break – light meal*

13.45 | **The fight to attract new foreign investments**

Keynote addresses:

Mladjan Dinkic, *Advisor to the Serbian Government for Middle East Business cooperation*

Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, *Secretary General, Vienna Economic Forum*

Goran Pitic, *President of the Board of Directors, Societe Generale Bank Srbija*

Bozidar Laganin, *Director, Serbia Investment & Export Promotion Agency*

Aleksandar Stevanovic, *President, Serbian Association of SMEs*

Stelios Koutsivitis, *Executive Director, Metropol Palace*

Chair: Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI Group International

14.45 | **How strong is the financial sector to sustain the necessary business development**

Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Savic, *President of Council of Governor, National Bank of Serbia - Professor, Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration, FEFA*

Veroljub Dugalic, *Secretary General, Serbian Association of Banks*

Philippos Karamanolis, *President of the Executive Board, Eurobank a.d., Belgrade*

Chair: Dr. Milan Parivodic, Attorney at law & President of ForInvest, f. Minister of International Economic Relations

15:30 *End of Conference- Cocktails*