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TGI Executive Meetings

11:00 *Arrival of Guests - Registration*

12:00 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

Welcome remarks:

- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, *Delphi Economic Forum, TGI*
- ✓ **Mike Michel**, *President of the Board, FIC & CEO, Telenor*
- ✓ **Vladimir Djordjevic**, *Visa, General Manager for Southeast Europe (online)*

Keynote statements:

- ✓ **Ivica Dacic**, *President, National Assembly, Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **Zorana Mihajlovic**, *Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **Christian Schmidt**, *High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina*

12:45 **EU – WESTERN BALKANS:**

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE EU MEETING IN SLOVENIA?

- ✓ **Nikola Dimitrov**, *Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, Republic of North Macedonia*
- ✓ **Jadranka Joksimovic**, *Minister, Ministry of European Integration, Republic of Serbia**
- ✓ **H.E. Emanuele Giaufret**, *Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of EU the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **H.E. Damjan Bergant**, *Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **Jelica Minic**, *President, European Movement in Serbia*
- ✓ **Vladimir Bilcik**, *EP's Rapporteur for Serbia (online)*

- ✓ *Chair: Simonida Kacarska, Dir. of the European Policy Institute in Skopje, Member, Think for Europe Network*

14:00 **POWER SHIFTS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE I**

- ✓ **Nikola Selakovic**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **Evarist Bartolo**, *Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Malta*
- ✓ **Nikos Christodoulides**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus**
- ✓ **Olta Xhacka**, *Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania**

- ✓ *Chair: Symeon G. Tsomokos, Delphi Economic Forum, TGI*

14:30 *Light Lunch*

15:15 **POWER SHIFTS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE II**

Opening statement:

- ✓ **Radmila Šekerinska**, Minister of Defence of the Republic of the North Macedonia
- ✓ **George Papandreou**, Former Prime Minister of Greece (2009 - 2011)*

Discussion:

- ✓ **Thanos Dokos**, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Sonja Licht**, President of the Foundation BFPE for a Responsible Society (online)
- ✓ **Ben Haddad**, Director, Europe Center, Atlantic Council

- ✓ **Chair: Prof. Ivan Vujacic**, President of the Forum of Int'l Relations of the European Movement in Serbia

16:30 **SERBIAN GOVERNMENT NEW REFORMS PROGRAMME 2021-2023**

Opening statement:

- ✓ **Marija Obradovic**, Minister, Ministry of State Administration and Local Self-Government

Discussion:

- ✓ **Prof. PhD Nebojsa Savic**, President of the Council of the Governor, NBS and Professor, FEFA
- ✓ **Dejan Soskic**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, the University of Belgrade
- ✓ **Yulia Ustyugova**, IMF Resident Representative, IMF Serbia

- ✓ **Chair: Milan Parivodic**, Parivodić Advokati / Lawyers, Minister of Int Economic Relations (2004-7)

17:30 **BUILDING SERBIA'S ENERGY ARSENAL**

Opening Statement:

- ✓ **Jovanka Atanackovic**, State Secretary, Ministry of Mining and Energy of Serbia

Discussion:

- ✓ **Tatjana Isakovic**, Head of Department for External Affairs and Government Relations, NIS
- ✓ **Sander van Rootselaar**, Deputy Head of Communications & Spokesperson, The Turk Stream
- ✓ **Danijela Isailovic**, Manager, The Association Renewable Energy Sources of Serbia
- ✓ **Mario Kijanović**, Vice President of the FIC Infrastructure & Real Estate Sector

- ✓ **Chair: Aleksandar Vulovic**, Compliance and Community Relations Advisor, Medgold Resources Corp.

18:30 End of Day 1 | Cocktail Reception

08:45 *Registration opens – Coffee/Tea*

09:40 *Keynote statement*

- ✓ **Milan Ljusic**, *State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Serbia*

10:00 *Keynote statement*

- ✓ **Dr Ana Ivkovic**, *Vice Governor, National Bank of Serbia*

10:30 **FIRESIDE CHAT | CRYPTO: NEXT STAGE OF GROWTH** *(online)*

- ✓ **Akshay Chopra**, *Visa, VP, Head of Innovation & Product Design, Central Europe, Middle East & Africa (CEMEA)*
- ✓ *Chair: Vesna Damjanic, TV Presenter, Radio Television Serbia-RTS*

11:00 **BIG BANK THEORY: LEADING THE ECONOMY AND BANKING THROUGH THE STRAITS OF THE PANDEMIC**

- ✓ **Representative**, *Komercijalna banka*
- ✓ **Slavica Pavlovic**, *President of Executive Board, Eurobank*
- ✓ **Miroslav Singer**, *CEE Inst. Affairs & Chief Economist Austria, CEE & Russia Region, Generali CEE Holding*
- ✓ *Chair: Dr Sladjana Sredojevic, Head of the Bank Training Center, Association of Serbian Banks*

11:40 **SERBIA AND BRITAIN AFTER BREXIT- NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO DO BUSINESS**

Keynote Speech

- ✓ **David Landsman**, *Chairman, OBE MA PhD CDir, British-Serbian Chamber of Commerce*

12:00 **HOW TO RE-SPARK FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT**

- ✓ **H.E. Yahel Vilan**, *Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **Zoran Drakulic**, *President, Privrednik Club*
- ✓ **Richard Robinson**, *Director, British-Serbian Chamber of Commerce*
- ✓ **Dejan Turk**, *FIC Vice President and A1 Srbija and A1 Slovenija CEO*
- ✓ **Pierluigi Ghione**, *Managing Director, LEONI Wiring System Southeast*
- ✓ *Chair: Toplica Spasojevic, President, ITM Sistem*

13:15 *Break - Light Lunch*

13:45 **FINANCING: THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

Opening statement:

- ✓ **Tomislav Momirovic**, *Minister*, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Industry

Discussion:

- ✓ **Simon Ellis**, *Program Leader for Western Balkans*, World Bank, Vienna (*online*)
- ✓ **Alessandro Bragonzi**, *Head of EIB Regional Representation for the Western Balkans*
- ✓ **Matteo Colangeli**, *Regional Head of Western Balkans*, EBRD
- ✓ **Ary Naim**, *Regional Manager for Western Balkans & Central Europe*, IFC

- ✓ *Chair: Aleksandar Medjedovic*, *Exec. BoD Member*, Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce, Berlin/Germany

14:45 **RISING STARS: THE NEXT SUCCESS STORIES OF THE SERBIAN TECH**

Opening statement:

- ✓ **Nenad Popovic**, *Minister without Portfolio* of the Republic of Serbia

Discussion:

- ✓ **H.E. Urs Schmid**, *Ambassador of Switzerland to the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **Prof. PhD Dubravko Culibrk**, *Director*, The Research and Development Institute for AI of Serbia
- ✓ **Gordana Danilovic – Grkovic**, *Director*, Science Technology Park of Serbia

- ✓ *Chair: Aleksandar Medjedovic*, *Exec. BoD Member*, Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce, Berlin/Germany

15:30 **FIRESIDE CHAT | DRIVING NEW ECONOMY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATIONS** (*online*)

- ✓ **Evgen Lisnyak**, *Visa's Head of Strategic Partnerships, Fintech & Ventures* for CISSEE region
- ✓ *Chair: Vesna Damjanic*, *TV Presenter*, Radio Television Serbia-RTS

16:00 **THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN SERBIA POST PANDEMIC**

- ✓ **Jasmina Knezevic**, *CEO*, Belmedic
- ✓ **Marija Djordjevic**, *CFO*, Roche
- ✓ **Edita Stokic**, *Director*, Clinical Center of Vojvodina & *Member of the COVID-19 Crisis Response Team*
- ✓ **Dr sci. med Ivana Bozovic Spasojevic**, *Associate Research Professor*, Institute for Oncology & Radiology of Serbia

- ✓ *Chair: Danijela Davidov Kesar*, *Journalist*, Politika

17:00 **CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS. TRANSFORMATION POLICIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

- ✓ **H.E. Sian MacLeod**, *Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Republic of Serbia*
- ✓ **H.E. Carlo Lo Cascio**, *Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Republic of Serbia*

- ✓ **Chair: Francine Pickup**, *Resident Representative, UNDP*

17:30 *End of Forum/ Cocktail Ceremony*

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