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DAY 1 – Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Metropol Palace Hotel, Ivo Andric room

13.00 Arrival of Guests

14.00 OFFICIAL OPENING

Welcome remarks

- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum

Opening remarks

Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia

Welcome statements

- ✓ **Mike Michel**, President of the Board, FIC & CEO Yettel
- ✓ **Nikolaos Sliousaregko**, President, Hellenic Business Association

14.30 THE WAR CONTINUES: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

As the war in Ukraine is well in its second year, the world is trying to grapple with its consequences. What does a protracted conflict mean for Southeast Europe and the Balkans from an economic, diplomatic, and geopolitical standpoint?

- ✓ **H.E. Christopher R. Hill**, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **H.E. Anke Konrad**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **H.E. Edward Ferguson**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **H.E. Volodymyr Tolkach**, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **Dr Srdjan Cvijic**, President of the International Advisory Committee, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
- ✓ Chair: **Daniel Bochsler**, Professor, Central European University Vienna & Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade

15.45 20 YEARS FROM THE THESSALONIKI DECLARATION ON WESTERN BALKANS – WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

- ✓ **PhD Tanja Miscevic**, Minister of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia (video message)
- ✓ **H.E. Emanuele Giaufret**, Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of EU to Serbia
- ✓ **H.E. Pierre Cochard**, Ambassador of the French Republic to the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **H.E. Raul Bartolome Molina**, Ambassador of The Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **PhD Jelica Minic**, President, European Movement in Serbia
- ✓ **Gordana Delic**, Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy, German Marshal Fund
- ✓ Chair: **Bojan Elek**, Deputy Director, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy

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17.00 IN CONVERSATION WITH:

- ✓ **Mr Bogoljub Karic**, President, BK GROUP

Chair: TBA

17.20 SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Investing in connectivity, goods transportation, digitalization and green corridors

- ✓ **Tamara Bullock**, Public Affairs & Government Relations Director Europe and Americas, Tetra Pak
- ✓ **Arnaud Dauphin**, Director of AFD Western Balkans Regional Office
- ✓ **Dusko Krsmanovic**, Head of UK Expert Finance for the Western Balkans and Central and Eastern Europe
- ✓ **Aleksandar Ljubic**, Executive Director, FIC
- ✓ **Dr Ivan Markovic**, Head of Unit for Cooperation with CEFTA, Dep. for Foreign Trade Policy, Ministry of Trade
- ✓ **Matej Zakonjsek**, Director, Transport Community

- ✓ Chair: **Ana Draskovic**, International Finance Expert

18.20 NEXT BIG THING IN IT SECTOR GROWTH

In the past few years, Serbia has significantly advanced to the ICT Regional HUB, making 10% of GDP. A big number of international companies, many of them from the US, have started the R&D centres or acquired companies. Serbia has been investing in innovation (like Bio4) and startups. Open questions: Why are there no unicorns? What is the next big thing growing on this sector? Are there enough resources? What is the capacity of universities and cooperation with industry? How to make this region even more connected and prosper for IT talents?

Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation Representative

- ✓ **Dejan Cupac**, Chief Technology Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, MK Group
- ✓ **Nenad Paunovic**, Director of the IT and Entrepreneurship Team in the Office of the Prime Minister of Serbia
- ✓ Chair: Chair: **Dr Ivan Tanasijevic**, Head of Belgrade office, The Institute for AI Research and Development of Serbia

19.00 End of Day 1 | Networking dinner

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DAY 2 – Wednesday, November 29, 2023

09.00 Arrival of Guests

09.30 REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Close economic cooperation between Western Balkan countries is essential to transform the region and lay a foundation for prosperity and stability. In this panel, we bring together the ministers of economy of Serbia, Bulgaria and North Macedonia, in order to share their vision and engage in an honest debate on how to spur economic growth and cooperation

- ✓ **Slobodan Cvetkovic**, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **Stasa Kosarac**, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ✓ Chair: **Dr Milan Parivodic**, Attorney at Law, Parivodic Advokati/Lawyers

10.10 IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Philip Morris International Representative

Chair: TBA

10.30 STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP ECONOMIC GROWTH IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

Navigating a tough global economic environment has become a necessity for countries and business alike, especially given the fast-paced economic, technological and geopolitical change happening in the world. What are the best strategies to achieve economic growth in times of uncertainty?

- ✓ **Nikola Altiparmakov**, Board Member, Fiscal Council of the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ **Nicola Pontara**, Country Manager for Serbia, The World Bank
- ✓ **Prof. PhD Nebojsa Savic**, Professor, FEFA
- ✓ **Prof. Dr Dejan Soskic**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade
- ✓ **Zoran Tadic**, CEO at Neofyton & Honorary Consul of Austria in AP Vojvodina
- ✓ **Mihailo Vesovic**, Director of the Sector for Strategic Analysis, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia
- ✓ Chair: **Goran Svilanovic**, Consultant

11.30 Networking Break

12.00 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Transition to a more responsible business model

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- ✓ **Stasa Stojkov Rosic**, Sustainability Leader, IKEA Srbija d.o.o
- ✓ **Ivana Kalajdzic**, Expert Associate and QMS&EMS Lead Auditor, SGS Beograd
- ✓ **Iosif Vangelatos**, General Manager, Inos Balkan
- ✓ **Milan Dakic**, partner BDK Advokati
- ✓ Chair: **Jelena Lazarevic**, Regulatory Director, FIC

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12.45 ESG CHALLENGES FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

The global push towards environmentally and socially responsible solutions has fundamentally changed the way of doing business. What are the key drivers for this emerging field in the region of Southeast Europe?

- ✓ **Yakup Beris**, Resident Representative, UNDP
- ✓ **Vladislav Cvetkovic**, Director, Advisory Services and Markets PwC & Chairman, Managing board, NALED
- ✓ **Slavko Dukic**, Member of Executive Board, Head of Finance and Operation Department, Intesa Leasing
- ✓ **Nicolas Marquier**, Regional Manager for the Western Balkans, IFC
- ✓ **PhD Sladjana Radojevic**, International Cooperation and Education Specialist, a Head of BTC, ASB

- ✓ Chair: **Prof. Dr Dejan Soskic**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

13.45 IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Dubravka Djedovic Handanovic, Minister of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia

- ✓ Chair: **Dr Milan Parivodic**, Attorney at Law, Parivodic Advokati/Lawyers

14.05 Networking Buffet Lunch

14.45 ENERGY TRANSITION – CLIMATE CRISIS: THE NEXT STEPS

The climate emergency is forcing states and companies to significantly alter their ways of producing and consuming energy. How does Southeast Europe prepare for the energy transition needed in the future?

- ✓ **Alessandro Bragonzi**, Head of Regional Representation for Western Balkans, EIB
- ✓ **Matteo Colangeli**, Director for the Western Balkans Region, EBRD
- ✓ **Mitsuaki Harada**, Managing Director, Beo Cista Energija
- ✓ **Ruediger Hartmann**, Director, KfW Office in Belgrade
- ✓ **Srdan Srdanovic**, Head of Smart Infrastructure, Siemens

- ✓ Chair: **Danijela Isailovic**, General Manager, OIE Srbija

15.45 TOURISM AND CULTURE AS PILLARS OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable strategies for community development are increasingly relying on tourism and culture by creating destinations, events and content that are appealing to locals and visitors alike. What is the impact of festivals for local economy, social and economic resilience of host cities and image of the country?

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- ✓ **Uros Kandic**, State Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Youth of the Republic of Serbia

- ✓ **Ivan Blagojevic**, Director, Nisville Jazz Festival
- ✓ **Marija Labovic**, Director, National Tourism Organisation of Serbia
- ✓ **Milos Latinovic**, Director, Bitef Festival
- ✓ **Milenko Skaric**, CEO & Founder, Sky Corporation
- ✓ **Ognjen Tomasevic**, Executive Marketing Director, EXIT Festival

- ✓ Chair: **Violeta Jovanovic**, Executive Director, NALED

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16.45 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FINANCING OF SPORT

Review of opportunities and obstacles for branding Serbia as a sports nation followed by dialogue on major public investment into sports facilities. How to secure transparency and balance investments in correlation with economic indicators and public interest?

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- ✓ **Zoran Gajic**, Minister of Sports of the Republic of Serbia

- ✓ **Vladan Vasic**, Mayor of Pirot
- ✓ **Slobodan Georgiev**, News Director, NOVA S
- ✓ **Ostoja Mijailovic**, President, BC Partizan
- ✓ **Toplica Spasojevic**, President, ITM Sistem

- ✓ Chair: **Milos Saranovic**, Sports Commentator, B92

17.45 End of the Forum | Cocktails