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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2025 forum will provide insights into the M&A deal market outlook and explore private equity opportunities in Southeast Europe. With a special focus on inbound and outbound deals, we'll discuss strategies that transcend borders and open new avenues for growth. Discover the latest on exit strategies and the innovative approaches to financing business acquisitions in 2025. We'll also spotlight hot sectors like TMT and fintech, which continue to drive transformation and offer lucrative opportunities.

Key Themes To Be Explored:

- M&A Sentiment and Readiness in the SEE
- Current Trends in PE and VC
- Industry-Specific Consolidations
- Effective Strategies for Navigating Uncertainty
- Identifying Hot Sectors in SEE M&A
- TMT M&A: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges
- Industry-Specific Trends: healthcare, energy, fintech
- Value Creation
- Deal Structuring and Financing



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Meet our speakers

We are excited to announce an lineup of speakers at the SEE Private Equity and M&A Forum. This year's event will showcase industry leaders and experts who will share their insights and experiences on the latest trends and opportunities in the market.



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Welcome

Conference Programme

We are excited to unveil a highly anticipated draft agenda for the SEE Private Equity and M&A Forum 2025 which promises to be a must-attend event for mergers and acquisitions and professionals interested in the region. The draft agenda is subject to change.

09:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:30 Chairwoman Opening Remarks



Mirna Marović
President, **CVCA**; Managing Director, **VentureXchange**

09:40 **Driving the Energy Transition and Infrastructure Modernization through Cross-Border M&A**

The session will explore how investors are allocating capital across Southeast Europe's energy, transport, and digital infrastructure sectors, with insights on developing versus acquiring sustainable assets in emerging markets.

Speakers:

Jaroslava Korpanec - Partner, Head of CEE, Energy Infrastructure, **Actis**

Christian Roy - Head of CEE, **Amber Infrastructure**

Bodin Bulatović - Country Officer for Serbia, **IFC**

Jovana Rubežić - General Counsel, **CWP Global**

10:20 **M&A Sentiment and Readiness in Southeast Europe**

Let's delve into the current state of the M&A market in the SEE region. We will explore the prevailing sentiment among potential buyers and sellers, examining factors influencing their willingness to engage in M&A activity. The session will cover: an analysis of recent M&A deal flow, including transaction volumes, deal sizes, and key sectors experiencing the most activity, examination of emerging trends shaping the landscape and assessment of the preparedness of companies in SEE for engaging in M&A activity.

MODERATOR: Andrija Garofulić - Partner, **Forvis Mazars**

Dr. Ronald Seeliger - President & CEO, **Hemofarm / FIC Serbia** President

Ivailo Gospodinov - Managing Partner, **Black Peak Capital**

Sandra Marković - Senior Advisor, Regional Representative in Banja Luka, **FIPA**

11:05 Networking Break

11:35 Fireside Chat With Datasite

Zhanina Panova – VP CEE Region, **Datasite**

11:50 TMT M&A: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges in a Dynamic Landscape

The TMT sectors in Southeast Europe are experiencing a dynamic transformation, characterized by rapid technological advancements and evolving market demands. This panel discussion will provide an in-depth overview of notable M&A transactions, highlighting the unique opportunities, emerging trends, and significant challenges faced by businesses in the region. There will be also an analysis of the motivations behind these deals, including strategic objectives such as market expansion, technological innovation, and competitive positioning.

MODERATOR: Miloš Jakovljević – Senior Partner, **Karanović & Partners**

Ersida Docaj – Co-Head of TMT Investment, **EBRD**

Kasper Taczek – Investment Director, **PPF a.s.**

Marko Jović – Director of Regulatory Affairs & Wholesale, **A1 / FIC Serbia**

12:40 Networking Lunch

13:40 Effective M&A Strategies for Growth

In today's dynamic business environment, effective dealmakers are adeptly managing both uncertainty and emerging opportunities.

- In uncertain times, how do the most savvy dealmakers deal with opportunities and uncertainty?
- Are there ways to protect deals against sudden economic, regulatory, or geopolitical events?
- Can more effective strategies be used to ensure M&A performance?
- In the process of M&A, are there any noteworthy changes developing?
- Is there anything preventing dealmakers from realizing value at the moment?

MODERATOR: Vuk Lakić – Senior Manager, **Forvis Mazar**

Marko Mitrović – Partner, **Accession Capital Partners**

Aleksandar Djordjević – Business Development Manager, **MK Group / FIC Serbia**

Marko Derča – Partner, Managing Director, **Kearney**

Aleksandar Dragicević – Principal, **MidEuropa**

Marko Mijatović – CFO, Investment Principal, **Fifth Quarter Ventures**

14:30 Industry-Specific Consolidations

The session will explore the trends and drivers behind consolidation in key sectors across SEE. We'll analyze recent activity within specific industries, identifying the factors fueling consolidation and the implications for investors and businesses. We'll discuss the strategic rationale behind these deals, examining the benefits and challenges associated with consolidation in different market contexts. Specific industry examples, including case studies of successful and unsuccessful consolidation strategies, will be used to illustrate key themes. The discussion will also address the future outlook for consolidation in Southeast Europe.

MODERATOR: Mirna Marović – President, **CVCA**; Managing Director, **VentureXchange**

Tomislav Tomljenović – Regional Director, Adria, **Enterprise Investors**

Marko Cilić – CFO, **Nelt Group**

Evgeny Podlesny – Investment Director, **CEECAT Capital**

Marko Galić – Partner, **Provectus Capital Partners**

15:20 Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways



Mirna Marović

President, **CVCA**; Managing Director, **VentureXchange**

15:25 Networking Drink Reception