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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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A broad range of professionals involved in private equity and M&A fields are present at the forum. This includes individuals from funds, individuals within corporations responsible for M&A activity, M&A advisors and bankers actively involved in deal structuring, valuation, and execution and more.

- Private Equity Professionals
- Limited Partners
- Corporate Development Executives
- Investment Bankers
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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.*



## EVENT CHAIRWOMAN

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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 Marovic**

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

### 09:40 **Current Trends in Private Equity and VC in Emerging Markets**

The discussion will provide an overview of current market trends shaping private equity, highlighting key sectors that are attracting significant investment. It will explore how economic factors, including inflation and interest rates, are influencing investment strategies, and offer predictions on how the private equity landscape may evolve in the near future.

#### **Speakers:**

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

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

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

### 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.

#### **Speakers:**

Dr. Ronald Seelinger – President & CEO, **Hemofarm / FIC Serbia** President

Andrija Garofulic – Partner, **Forvis Mazars**

Zhanina Panova – VP of Sales, **Datasite**

11:00 Networking Break

## 11:30 **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.

### **Speakers:**

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**

## 12:10 **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?

### **Speakers:**

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

Aleksandar Dragicevic – Principal, **MidEuropa**

**MK Group** – invited

## 13:00 Networking Lunch

## 14:10 **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.

### **Speakers:**

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

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

**NELT Group** – invited

## 15:00 **Uncovering Hidden Gems: Identifying M&A Targets**

Learn how dealmakers pinpoint attractive takeover candidates, identify promising M&A targets to decide what fit them best. This session offers insights into dealmakers' strategies for identifying companies based on strategic and financial criteria.

## 16:00 Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways



**Mirna Marovic**

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