

Business Forum

PHASING IN INTO THE SINGLE MARKET AS A POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH

FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS

26th September 2023

Venue: Palace of Congress, Tirana

DRAFT AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ines Mucostepa, Member of the Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum (WB6 CIF) Managing Board and President of Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania <p>Opening speech by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Edi Rama, Prime minister of Albania, tbc/ H.E Ms. Delina Ibrahimaj Minister of Finance and Economy of Albania tbc <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission- DG NEAR representative, tbc • Dr. Heinz Hetmeier, Deputy Director-General for European Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) • Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), tbc
10:00– 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">PHASING IN INTO THE SINGLE MARKET: MAKING BUSINESS IN WB COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE - TOWARDS A NEW GROWTH PLAN</p> <p>Impulse statement by:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lulzim Rafuna, President of the Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum (WB6 CIF) Managing Board and President of the Kosovo Chamber of Commerce: <i>“Economic integration of Western Balkan economies and their access to the EU Single Market – recommendations for decision makers”</i> • Dr. Ricardo Giucci, Managing Director at Berlin Economics and leader of German Economic Team: <i>“Deeper Economic Integration of the Western Balkans”</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:30	<p>Panel discussion - Western Balkans decision makers and Business Community representatives</p> <p><i>“Challenges and Potentials of the Common Regional Market – Phasing in Towards Single Market through Accelerated Integration” (Investments, free movement of people, goods, services and capital, green transition, human capital development)</i></p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marko Cadez, Former President of WB6 CIF Managing Board and President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia • Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry, tbc <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ministries from Western Balkans — Representatives of the Western Balkans business sector (exporters, representatives of WB6 CIF Business Council, SMEs) — German investors in Western Balkans
12:30 – 13:00	Joint press conference
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch buffet

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