

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

SOUTHEAST EUROPE ECONOMIC FORUM 2006

31 October – 1 November 2006

Venue: National Palace of Culture

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Panel Session :

"The Role of the Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Employers' Organizations in Enlarged Europe"

Hosted by: the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Location: Hall 9

1-st November(Wednesday)

10.00 – 12.30 h.

Moderator: **Mr. Krassimir Dachev**, Vice President of BCCI

- 10.00 h. *Opening of the session by the President of BCCI*
Mr. Bojidar Bojinov
- 10.10 h. *The role of the Bulgarian Chambers in the enlarged Europe - new responsibilities and challenges*
Mr. Krassimir Dachev, Vice president of BCCI
- 10.25 h. *The role of Eurochambres in the context of EU Enlargement-main objectives and activities*
Mr. Dirk Vantghem, Director "International Affairs", Eurochambres
- 10.40 h. *The participation of BCCI in the public-private partnership – possibility for improving the competitiveness of the SMEs*
Mr. Stanimir Barzashki, Executive Director of the Agency for small and medium sized enterprises within MEE
- 11.00 h. *Coffee break*
- 11.00 – 12.00 h. *Representatives of EU member state Chambers - experience and visions, short speeches and presentations of "good practices" concerning their activities*
Mr. George Kazimatis, President of UHCC

Vice President of Eurochambres

Mr. Marco Lopreore, Brussels' office of the Union of Italian Chambers

Mr. Marek Kloczko, Secretary General of Polish Chambers of Commerce

12.00 – 12.30 h. *Discussions chaired by the Moderator*
Statement of **Ms. Mihaela Goj**, Secretary General of CCIR
*The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania –
Active Player for the Romanian Business Community
Integration in the European Union*

Object: *to evaluate the role and future development of Chambers in the process of EU enlargement, the role of Chambers as an employer organizations, share the experience of EU member state Chambers, strengthen the partnership between the EU business organizations and those from Southeast region*

Participants to be invited for the panel: *28 Regional Chambers, business oriented NGOs, Branch organizations, National public and Regional authorities, Foreign Missions in Bulgaria, Association of Balkan Chambers (ABC)*