



**Bulgarian Chamber of
Commerce and Industry**

VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS - SOFIA MEETING

Liberalisation of Regional Markets

**3-4 April 2012
Sofia, Bulgaria**

**Under the Patronage of H. E. Mr. Boyko BORISSOV,
Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria**

**Guest of Honour:
H.E. Mr. Rosen PLEVNELIEV, President of the Republic of Bulgaria**

**Working Language: English and Bulgarian
Simultaneous Translation will be provided**

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VEF Proposal: Flight VIE-SOF 10:20-12:55 ✈ OS 795
15:20-17:55 ✈ OS 797

3 April 2012

19:30 **COCKTAIL in honour of the Participants at Vienna Economic Talks- Sofia Meeting,**
hosted by **H.E. Mr. Gerhard REIWEGER**, Ambassador of Republic of Austria to Bulgaria
(*by personal invitation only*)

4 April 2012

Location: Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Iskar Street 9, 1058 Sofia

08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE
Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members

08:45-08:55 FAMILY PHOTO SESSION (*by invitation*)

09:00-10:30 FIRST PLENARY SESSION

OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REGIONAL MARKET

MODERATION and OPENING:

- **Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA**, Member of the Board, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum

GUEST OF HONOUR:

- **H.E. Mr. Rosen PLEVNELIEV**, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT:

- **H. E. Mr. Boyko BORISSOV**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)

MAIN STATEMENTS:

- **Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria
- **H.E. Mr. Traicho TRAIKOV**, Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)

STATEMENTS:

- **Mr. Andreas MAIERHOFER**, CEO, MobilTel AD Bulgaria
- **Mr. Tsvetan SIMEONOV**, President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **H.E. Mr. Valon SARAQINI**, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Macedonia (tbc)
- **Dr. Milan PARIVODIC**, Chairman, Foreign Investors Services, Former Minister of International Economic Relations of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- **High Representative of Member of Vienna Economic Forum** (tbn)

Q and A Session with the Audience, led by the Moderator

10:30-11:00 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30 SECOND PLENARY SESSION

LIBERALISATION OF THE ENERGY MARKET. PROTECTION OF COMPETITION

MODERATION:

- **Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria

IMPULSE STATEMENT:

- **Mr. Jörg SOLLFELNER**, Country Manager, EVN AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

PANELISTS:

- **Mr. Sasho DONCHEV**, Executive Director, Overgas Inc. AD, Bulgaria (tbc)
- **High Representative** of SIEMENS AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Dr. Theodor THANNER**, Director General of the Austrian Competition Authority
- **Ms. Angelina MILEVA**, Deputy Chairman, Commission on Protection of Competition, Bulgaria
- **Mr. Angel SEMERDZHIEV**, Chairman of the State Energy and Water Regulatory Commission (tbc)
- **Amb. Prof. Dr. Vesna BOROZAN**, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia, ECEE - Member, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum
- **High Representatives** from the Members of Vienna Economic Forum (tbn)
- **Mihail ANDONOV**, Executive Director, National Electric Company (NEK EAD) Bulgaria (tbn)

Q and A Session with the Audience, led by the Moderator

12:30-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-15:00 THIRD PLENARY SESSION

EXPERIENCES OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN THE REGION Innovative Technologies. Infrastructure and Environment

MODERATION and STATEMENT:

- **Mr. Borislav STEFANOV**, Executive Director, InvestBulgaria Agency

MAIN STATEMENTS:

- **H.E. Mr. Ivailo MOSKOVSKI**, Minister for Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- **H.E. Mr. Genc POLLO**, Minister for Innovation and for Information and Communication Technology of the Republic of Albania (tbc)
- **Ms. Jordanka FANDAKOVA**, Mayor of Sofia Municipality (tbc)

PANELISTS:

- **Mr. Dieter MEYER**, Managing Director, Verbund Renewable Power GmbH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum
- **Mr. Rumen YANTCHEV**, CEO, Bulstrad Vienna Insurance Group
Overview of the developments and challenges of the Bulgarian Insurance Market
- **Dr. Michael ANGERER**, Trade Commissioner of the Republic of Austria, Bulgaria
- **Dr. Eveline STEINBERGER-KERN**, Director, Sector Energy CEE, Siemens AG Austria, Member of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)
- **High Representatives** from the Region
- **High Representatives** from Partners of Vienna Economic Forum

Q and A Session with the Audience, led by the Moderator

15:00-15:30 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

15:30-17:00 FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

LIBERALISATION OF THE LABOUR MARKET IN THE REGION

MODERATION:

- **Dr. Dimitar BRANKOV**, Vice President, Bulgarian Industrial Association, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum (tbc)

MAIN STATEMENT:

- **H.E. Mr. Totyu MLADENOV**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria

PANELISTS:

- **Mr. Nikolin JAKA**, President, Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Tirana, Albania (tbc)
- **Mr. Safet GERXHALIU**, President, Kosova Chamber of Commerce (tbc)
- **Mr. Gheorghe CUCU**, President, Economic Chamber of Moldova (tbc)
- **Mr. Velimir MIJUŠKOVIĆ**, President, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro (tbc)
- **Mr. Mihail M. VLASOV, President**, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania (tbc)
- **Mr. Branko AZESKI**, President, Economic Chamber of Macedonia (tbc)
- **High Representative** of Member of Vienna Economic Forum (tbn)

Q and A Session with the Audience, led by the Moderator

17:00-17:30 CONCLUDING SESSION

SHARE YOUR VISIONS

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **H.E. Ms. Lilyana PAVLOVA**, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- **High Representative** of foreign Investors in the Region, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

CONCLUSION:

- **Dr. Erhard BUSEK**, President of Vienna Economic Forum, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria

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Followed by COCKTAIL for all participants hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

18:30 END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS – SOFIA MEETING

**VEF Proposal: Flight SOF-VIE 20:55-21:35 ✈ OS 794(VO)
08:05-08:50 ✈ OS 800**

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