

EU – U.S. Economic Partnership: New Opportunities for the Bulgarian Business

17 April, 2007, Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan, Serdika Hall

Agenda

08:30 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 09:30

Opening Remarks:

Borislav Boyanov, President, American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria
Wilhelm Kraus, President, German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Welcoming Address:

Ivailo Kalfin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
H.E. John Beyrle, U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria
H.E. Michael Geier, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Bulgaria

09:30 - 09:45

Coffee Break

09:45 - 11:45

Panel 1: Bulgaria's EU Membership and the Transatlantic Cooperation: Competitiveness, Investments, Financing

Moderator: **Kenneth M. Lefkowitz**, Member of the Board of Directors, American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria, NECA

Keynote Speakers:

Roumen Ovcharov, Minister of Economy and Energy
Assen Gagauzov, Minister of Public Works and Regional Development
Petko Nikolov, Chairman, Commission for Protection of Competition
Kiril Ananiev, Deputy Minister of Finance (tbc)
Boyko Dimitrachkov, Deputy CEO and Head of Business and Wholesale Markets, Bulgarian Telecommunications Company
Plamen Mitev, General Manager, Balkan Star Automotive Ltd.
Stoyan Neshev, CEO, Siemens Bulgaria
Stefan Ivanov, Citi Country Officer
Dimo Nikolov, Managing Director, Moto-Pfohe EOOD
Peter Harold, COO, Bulbank, HVB Bank Biochim and Hebros Bank, members of UniCredit Group (tbc)
Peter Simon, Regional Director for Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova, Country Manager ABB Bulgaria

11:45 - 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:30

Panel 2: Bulgaria's EU Membership and the Transatlantic Cooperation: Predictable Legal Framework and Sustainable Business Environment

Moderator: **Ognjan Donev**, Vice President, German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Sopharma AD

Keynote Speakers:

Roumen Petkov, Minister of Interior
Dimitar Dimitrov, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
Konstantin Penchev, Chairman of the Supreme Administrative Court
Roumen Nenkov, Deputy Chairman, Supreme Cassation Court
Fernando Ponz Canto, First Secretary, Representation of the European Commission to Bulgaria
Eric Luftman, Deputy Director, Office of European and Regional Affairs, US Department of State

13:45 - 15:00

Cocktail



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