

BALKAN FORUM 2020
«FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION»
THESSALONIKI, MARCH 27 & 28, 2020
THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR (Emilios Riadis Hall)

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1 (Emilios Riadis Hall)

- 9.00-10.00** *Opening speech by Deputy Minister of Interior, welcome speeches by EU representative, governmental & embassies' representatives*
- 10.00-12.30** *1st Session: Policies for growth and support for entrepreneurship and innovation structures/ programmes in the Balkans*
Representatives by the Ministry of Development and Investments of Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Albania, Republic of North Macedonia
- 12.30-13.30** *Coffee break.*
- 13.30-15.30** *2nd Session: Business and technology networking and synergies in the Balkans*
2.1 *The EU role in supporting Innovation and Entrepreneurship*
2.2 *Business Ecosystems Institutions and Infrastructures*
Representatives by SEV (Hellenic Federation of Enterprises), SEVE (Greek Exporters Association), GSEVEE (Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen & Merchants) and by relevant Balkan business associations
- 15.30-16.00** *Coffee break*
- 16.00-18.00** *3rd Session: European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (Interreg) design in the Balkans and S.E. Europe in the Programming Period 2021-2027 & Capitalization of good practices*
Representatives by M.A. Interreg, BalkanMed, Adrion, DG Regio, academia, national authorities
- 18.00** *Conference Gala`*

Targeted B2G & B2R meetings will be taking place during the sessions

DAY 2 (Emilios Riadis Hall)

9.00 Arrival of participants (Coffee)

9.30-11.30 4th Session: Adopting successful innovative practices and scientific collaborations in the Balkans' business culture in view of the EU Programming Period 2021-2027

4.1 . Regional research and innovation policies and programmes.

4.2. Boosting innovative technology infrastructure in the Balkan region: Current situation and future possibilities

AUTH, UoM, AIZ SA, CERTH & relevant Balkan associations of research and promotion of innovation networks

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-14.00 5th Session: Green Entrepreneurship, Circular Economy and Climate Change through innovative actions and funding tools in view of the EU Programming Period 2021-2027

5.1 Transition towards sustainable energy and environmental future practices

5.2. Supporting green growth, entrepreneurship and circular economy through cooperation in the Balkans

Economic Chamber of Greece, Technical Chamber of Greece, GeoTechnical Chamber of Greece, Ministry of Development and Investments, EU funding institutions , environmental innovation institutions, Ministry Of Interior (Sector Macedonia & Thrace), Balkan countries' representatives

14.00-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-16.00 Germany (Honored Country in the TIF 2020) in the context of BALKAN FORUM with the collaboration of the Greek –German Chamber

Representatives by TIF, HELEXPO, Ministry Of Interior (Sector Macedonia & Thrace), Greek –German Chamber.

16.00-16.30 Forum closure and conclusions by Deputy Minister of Interior Mr. Th. Karaoglou

17.00 Guided tour in historic Thessaloniki

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