**Balkans Business and Investment Forum**

(October 31, 2024 – November 1, Edirne/Türkiye)

(Draft Program)

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| **DAY 1** | | | |
| **Hour** | **Events** | | |
| **11.30-13:00** | **Registration**  **Business Cocktail / Networking** | | |
| **13:00-14:30** | **Opening Session**  **Welcome Addresses[[1]](#footnote-1):**  **HOSTS**  Yunus SEZER (Governor of Edirne)  Nail OLPAK (President of Foreign Economic Relations Board)  **ALBANIA**  Blendi GONXHJA  (Minister of Economy, Culture and Innovation) (TBC)  **BOSNIA - HERZEGOVINA**  Staşa KOŞARAC  (Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations) (TBC)  **BULGARIA**  Petko NİKOLOV  (Minister of Economy and Industry) (TBC)  Rosen KARADİMOV  (Minister of Innovation and Growth) (TBC)  **CROTIA**  Ante ŠUŠNJAR  (Minister of Economy) (TBC)  **GREECE**  Takis THEODORİKAKOS  (Minister of Development) (TBC)  **KOSOVO**  Rozeta HAJDARI  (Minister of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade) (TBC)  Fikrim DAMKA  (Minister of Regional Development) (TBC)  **MONTENEGRO**  Nik GJELOSHAJ  (Minister of Economic Development) (TBC)  **NORTH MACEDONIA**  Besar DURMISHI  (Minister of Economy and Labour) (TBC)  Timcho MUCUNSKI  (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade) (TBC)  **ROMANIA**  Stefan-Radu OPREA  (Minister of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism) (TBC)  Adrian CÂCİU  (Minister of Investments and EU Projects) (TBC)  **SERBIA**  Tomislav MOMIROVIC  (Minister of Domestic Trade and Foreign Trade )(TBC)  Jelena BEGOVIC  (Minister of Science, Technological Development and Innovation) (TBC)  **SLOVENIA**  Matiaz HAN  (Minister of Economy, Tourism and Sports) (TBC)  **CLOSURE ADDRESSES**  Prof. Dr. Ömer BOLAT (Minister of Trade)  Mehmet Fatih KACIR (Min. of Industry and Technology)  ***Participants: All Invitees*** | | |
| **Coffee Break** | | | |
| **15:00-16.30** | **Investment Opportunities**  **(Room ……)** | **Balkan Talks**  **(Room …)** | **Start-up Ecosystems and Investment Opportunities in the Balkans**  **(Room….)** |
| *Presentations of the countries on investment opportunities by alphabetical order*  ***Participants****: Government Officials, Experts, Business Leaders and Investors* | **“New horizons for the regional challenges”**  *Discussions on strengthening current trade & investment relations,*  *exploring new collaboration fields.*  ***Participants****: Ministers + Co-chairs of Business Councils under DEİK* | *Enis Hulli*  *(500 Emerging Europe Investment Fund) (Moderator)*  *Mete Bayrak*  *(Cognitiwe Aİ)*  *Mustafa Fikret Uğur*  *(magfi.co)*    ***Participants:*** *Innovators + VC Investors* |
| **16:30-17:30** | **Bilateral meetings of the Ministers.** | **B2B meetings for companies** | |
| **18:00-19:00** | **OFFICIAL DINNER**  **(Hosted by Governor of Edirne)**  ***Participants:*** *Ministers (1+3) + Co-chairs of Business Councils Representatives (1+3)* | | |
| **DAY 2** | | | |
| **Morning** | **Technical Site Visit**  *Edirne OIZs, Technopark etc. (Programme and content will be developed by governorate)* | | |
| **Afternoon** | **Cultural Site Visit**  *A route will be drafted by the governorate* | | |

1. In alphabetical order [↑](#footnote-ref-1)