

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**8<sup>TH</sup> ECONOMIC SUMMIT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

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**SERBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**FOREIGN INVESTORS COUNCIL**

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## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

Hyatt Regency Hotel of Belgrade

- 09:15 Registration at Hyatt Regency Hotel - *Coffee & tea*
- 10:00 *Welcome Remarks*  
**Mr. Theodore Karakassis**, *Deputy General Manager, International Activities Division, Eurobank EFG Group*
- 10:10 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**Mr. Ivica Dacic**, *First Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia*
- 10:20 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**Mr. Mladjan Dinkic**, *Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Economy & Regional Development*
- 10:35 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**Mr. Petros Doukas**, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*
- 10:50 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**Mr. Vuk Jeremic**, *Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia*
- 11:05 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**H.R.H. Crown Prince Alexander II**
- 11:15 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**Mr. Dragan Djilas**, *Mayor of the City of Belgrade*
- 11:30 *Keynote Speaker:*  
**Mr. Cameron Munter**, *US Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*
- 11:45 *Addresses:*  
**Mr. Filippos Karamanolis**, *President of the Executive Board, Eurobank EFG, Serbia*  
  
*Chair of the morning session: Mr. Symeon Tsomokos, Managing Director, TGI*
- 12:00 *Coffee Break*
- 12:15 *Welcome Remarks:*  
**Mr. Michael Kyriakides**, *Special Consultant of Operational & Managerial Processes, Alapis*
- 12:20 **Serbia's moves to EU Membership**  
*The government's goal is to secure EU candidate status for Serbia within 2009, and implement an action plan which will make the country ready for EU membership by the end of its term of office.*  
  
*Keynote addresses:*  
**Mr. Jean-Francois Terral**, *French Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*  
**Mr. Josep Lloveras**, *Head of Delegation, European Commission*  
**Mr. Wolfram Maas**, *German Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*  
  
*Presentations & Discussion*  
**Dr. Milan Parivodic**, *former Minister of International Economic Relations & Finance of the Republic of Serbia*  
**Mr. Gerald Knaus**, *ESI Chairman and Open Society Fellow*  
  
*Chair: Mr. Aleksandar Vlahovic, former Minister of Economy & Privatization of the Republic of Serbia*
- 13:30 *Buffet Lunch*

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14:30 **The course & the prospects of the Serbian Economy**

*The government's four key economic goals are a dynamic growth of economic activity, higher employment levels, improved living standards and integrated regional development. Serbia also has to complete the privatization of socially owned enterprises and state banks and insurers, liberalize the infrastructure and utility markets and launch partial or full privatization of public companies operating in the sectors, cut red tape, raise the efficiency of courts, privatize agricultural and development land, and regulate monopolies.*

*Keynote addresses:*

**Mr. Radovan Jelasic**, Governor of the National Bank of Serbia

**Mr. Slobodan Ilic**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia

*Presentations & Discussion*

**Mr. Simon Gray**, Country Manager, World Bank Belgrade

**Ms. Gordana Dostanic**, Director of the Belgrade Stock Exchange

**Mr. Veroljub Dugalic**, Secretary General of the Serbian Banking Association

15:30 *The course and the prospects of the Serbian economy – The view of the private sector*

**Ms. Vidosava Dzagic**, Vice President, Serbian Chamber of Commerce

**Mr. Srdjan Janjicijevic**, Vice President, Foreign Investors Council

**Mr. Danko Djunic**, President, Serbian Business Club Privrednik

**Mr. Bojan Predojevic**, Deputy President, German Business Association

**Mr. Skip Bornhuetter**, First Vice President, American Chamber of Commerce

**Mr. Vasilios Ntertilis**, President, Greek Business Association in Belgrade

*Chair: Mr. Stevan Niksic, Economic Analyst*

16:30 **Environmental Protection – Developments in the Agricultural Sector**

*Harmonization of legislation, further strengthening of administrative capacity for planning, permitting and enforcement, and upgrading environmental infrastructure.*

*Keynote addresses:*

**Mr. Oliver Dulic**, Minister of Environment & Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia

**Mr. Sasa Dragin**, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia

*Chair: Mr. Stevan Niksic, Economic Analyst*

17:15 *Adjourn - Cocktails*

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## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

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- 09:30 Registration at Hyatt Regency Hotel - *Coffee & tea*
- 10:00 *Opening Remarks:*  
**Mr. Bojan Pajtic**, *President of Executive Council AP Vojvodina*
- 10:30 **Infrastructure**  
*Serbian infrastructure is developing rapidly and major infrastructural projects across the country will be implemented in the months to come.*  
*Keynote address:*  
**Mr. Milutin Mrkonjic**, *Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia*  
  
*Infrastructural and Real Estate project in Belgrade and Novi Sad*  
**Mr. Igor Pavlicic**, *Mayor, City of Novi Sad*  
**Mr. Zoran Rubinjoni**, *Executive Director, Belgrade Land Development Public Agency*  
**Mr. Chris Damianou**, *Senior Tax Associate, Eurofast Global Ltd*
- 11:15 **Funding – International Economic Cooperation**  
**Ms. Hildegard Gacek**, *Director, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD), Belgrade*  
**Mr. Christos Gofas**, *Head of Section for Infrastructure and Cooperation with International Financing Institutions, Directorate General for Enlargement, European Commission.*
- 11:45 *Coffee Break*
- 12:00 **International Economic Relations and the Privatization process.**  
**Mr. Nebojsa Ciric**, *State Secretary of Economy & Privatization of Republic of Serbia*  
**Ms. Vesna Arsic**, *State Secretary for International Economic Relations of the Republic of Serbia*  
**Ms. Vesna Dzinic**, *Director, Agency of Privatization of the Republic of Serbia*  
  
*Chair of the second day of the Conference: Mr. Stevan Niksic, Economic Analyst*
- 13:00 **Lunch**  
*Guest of Honor & Speaker*  
*H.E. The Prime Minister of the Republika Srpska, Mr. Milorad Dodik*

***END OF CONFERENCE***