



Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Union
of the European People's Party



SEA
Serbian Employers Association

PROGRAMME

II. International Serbian SME Congress

Organised by SASME (*Serbian Association of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises*) and SEA (*Serbian Employers Association*) in cooperation with the SME UNION of the European People's Party

«Via Economic Cooperation to EU Integration»

Saturday, 18th December 2004

Sava Center – Congress Hall

Belgrade, Serbia

DRAFT AGENDA

(Speakers to be confirmed)

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:00

Opening Session: Welcoming remarks and keynote speeches

Welcoming Remarks:

- Boris TADIĆ, President of the Republic of Serbia (confirmed)
- José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission
- Benita FERRERO-WALDNER, EU Commissioner for External Relations
- Jacques SANTER, President of the SME UNION of the European People's Party (confirmed)

Keynote Speeches:

- Erhard BUSEK, Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
- Dragutin ZAGORAC, President of SMEA (Serbia-Montenegro Employers Association) (confirmed)
- Luc VANDEPUTTE, Deputy Secretary of the EPP (European Peoples Party) (confirmed)
- Werner FLASSABEND, President of the Political Academy of the ÖVP (Austrian Peoples Party)
- Sergio ARZENI, Head of the Program LEED (Local Economic and Employment Development) Partner Club OECD (confirmed)

10.00-11.30

Panel 1: Political stabilization of Serbia on the way to European Integration

Introduction and Moderation

- Christos FOLIAS, Deputy Minister for Economy and Finance of Greece (confirmed)

Keynote speeches:

- Vojislav KOŠTUNICA, President of DSS
- Miroљjub LABUS, President of G 17 plus

Impulse-Statements

- Bernhard LAMERS, Director of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Belgrade (confirmed)
- Antonio LOPEZ, Secretary General of EPP
- Hubert PIRKER, SPOC-Chairman (Stability Pact Initiative Against Organized Crime)
- Maurizio MASSARI, Head of OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro (confirmed)
- Patrick MOULIN SME UNION, France (confirmed)
- Reinhard PRIEBE, Director Western Balkans, European Commission DG for External Relations
- Pantelis SKLIAS, Head of International Cooperation Office, Constantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy
- Antonio PEÑALOSA, Secretary General of the International Organization of Employers
- Nikola GRUEVSKI, President of VMRO Macedonia (confirmed)
- Dragan ŠOĆ, President of People's Party of Montenegro (confirmed)
- Representative of G-17 Institute

Discussion

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:15

Panel 2: Small and Medium Enterprises in the process of globalisation

Introduction and Moderation

- Christian WEINBERGER, Head of Unit Entrepreneurship, European Commission DG Enterprise

Keynote speech:

- Karlheinz KOPF, MP, Secretary General of the Austrian SME UNION (confirmed)

Impulse-Statements

- Predrag BUBALO, Minister of Economy and Privatization of Serbia
- Arnaldo ABRUZZINI, Secretary General of Eurochambres
- Slobodan MILISAVLJEVIC, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia (confirmed)
- Hermann STURM, President of Union Mittelstaendischer Unternehmen (UMU) (confirmed)
- Hatto BRENNER, President of European Association of SMEs (EUSME) (confirmed)
- Jean-Marie ROULIER, Chairman of the Club of District Industrials of France (confirmed)
- Ludger FISCHER, Secretary General of Young Entrepreneurs of UEAPME (European Association of Craft Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) (confirmed)
- Jerzy SAMBORSKI, SME UNION Poland (confirmed)

- Cesare COCCHI, SME UNION Italy (confirmed)
- Christian PASSIN or Erik KROIHER, International Network Department of the Political Academy of the ÖVP (Austrian Peoples Party)
- Representatives of INSME (International Network for SMEs)

Discussion

13:15-14:30 Lunch at Sava Centar

14:30-16:00

Panel 3: Attracting Investments and Strengthening the Finance Sector in the Balkans

Introduction and Moderation

- Peter JUNGEN, Co-President of the SME UNION and Angel Investor (confirmed)

Keynote speeches:

- Mladjan DINKIĆ, Minister of Finance of Serbia
- Ivan MIKLOS, Minister of Finance of Slovakia

Impulse-Statements

- Ardo HANSSON, Lead Economist, ECSPE, World Bank
- Richard DANICIC, Director of American Chamber of Commerce in Serbia and Montenegro (confirmed)
- Pat SHAPIRO, President of U.S. Agency for International Development (confirmed)
- Dragica PILIPOVIĆ, EBRD Bank for Serbia and Montenegro (confirmed)
- Markus FERSTL and Vladimir ČUPIĆ, members of the Board of HYPO Alpe-Adria Bank (confirmed)

Discussion

16.00-17.00 Conclusions

18.30-20.00

Reception held by the President of Serbia, Boris TADIĆ
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Beograd

20.00 Dinner with VIP guests

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