

WHY CANADA?

Canadian-Bulgarian Business Forum

November 7th, 2017, Grand Hotel Sofia

AGENDA

08:45 – 09:30 AM Registration and welcoming coffee

09:30 – 10:15 AM Official opening:

- ♦ **Mr. Tsvetan Simeonov**, President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ♦ **Mr. Matey Nedkov**, President of the Canada-Bulgaria Business Network

Official greetings:

- ♦ **Mr. Boyko Borisov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- ♦ Greeting from **H.E. Mr. Kevin HAMILTON**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Romania, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova
- ♦ Greeting from **Dr. Nikolay Milkov**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of Bulgaria in Ottawa, Canada
- ♦ Greetings from **Mrs. Ekaterina Zaharieva**, Deputy prime minister for judicial reform and minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- ♦ Greetings from **Mr. Emil Karanikolov**, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)

10:15–10:40 AM Panel I: „Statistics and Economic Reality“

- ♦ Short movie about Canada
- ♦ Business climate in Canada – **Mr. Bradwin Niblock**, Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada to Romania, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova
- ♦ History of cultural, trade and economic relations, statistical data and analyses – **Mr. Stamen Yanev**, Executive Director of the Invest Bulgaria Agency

10:40 – 11:10 AM Coffee Break and Networking

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11:10 – 12:40 PM

Panel II: Discussion „What is CETA? Opportunities for Bulgarian and Canadian SMEs“

Moderator:

- ♦ **Dr. Krassen Stanchev**, Chairman of the Management Board of IME
- ♦ CETA Agreement: **Representative of Canadian mission to the EU (or Government of Canada, Ottawa)**
- ♦ **Mr. Alex Nestor**, Vice President of Canada – Bulgaria Business Network
- ♦ Benefits of the single market:
 - **Mr. Petar Ganev**, Institute of Market Economics
 - **Mr. Bradwin Niblock**, Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada to Romania, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova
- ♦ Discussion

12:40 – 1:40 PM

Panel III: „Investments. Import and Export“

- ♦ Business opportunities for Bulgarian companies in Canada, export conditions, specifics – **Mr. Matey Nedkov**, President of the Canadian-Bulgarian Business Network
- ♦ Success story:
 - **D & V Electronics Ltd, Ontario, Canada**
 - **Dundee Precious Metals Chelopech LTD. - Dr. Dipl. eng. Iliya Garkov**, executive manager
- ♦ Discussion

1:40 PM

Closing and networking cocktail

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