



CEI SUMMIT ECONOMIC FORUM
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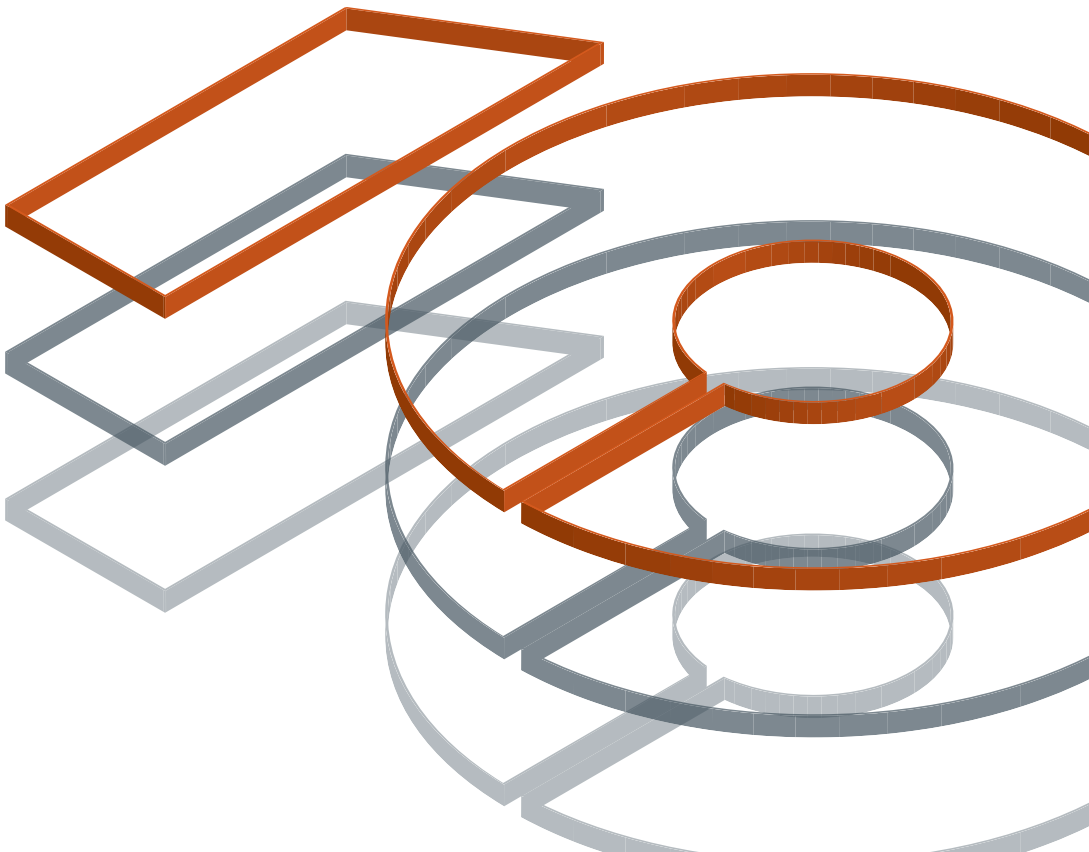


BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

10th CEI SUMMIT ECONOMIC FORUM

mobilising resources for a common future

in cooperation with Bulgaria Economic Forum



CEI BULGARIAN PRESIDENCY 2007

Dear Participant,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the 10th CEI Summit Economic Forum (SEF) "Mobilising resources for a common future", which will take place in Sofia, on 20-21 November 2007, under the auspices of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Central European Initiative (CEI).

This year two major regional events - the Summit Economic Forum and the South-East Europe Forum, will join their efforts to provide a single platform for forward-looking discussions on the future business opportunities in CEI countries. The event will take place alongside the Roundtable of the Economic Ministers of the 18 CEI Member countries and will precede the annual CEI Summit of Heads of Government.

The SEF 2007 will bring together high-level representatives from the business community, governments, international financial institutions and other international organisations and will offer you the opportunity to exchange views on the most topical issues for our region.

This year's forum will hold panel discussions on energy infrastructure, energy efficiency, innovative credit lines for the residential sector; on the development of regional railway networks for support of the freight transport; on technical cooperation needs in the region and the ways and means for the international organisations and donor governments to respond to them; on SMEs, capacity building and ICT.

Going through this year's SEF programme, we introduced a special panel dedicated to business opportunities in Bulgaria. Over 1000 participants are expected this year. It is thanks to them that the SEF has become one of the most successful initiatives in the region.

I hope you will share this success with us, and look forward to meeting you in Sofia in November.



Minister of Economy and Energy
of the Republic of Bulgaria

Petar Dimitrov



DAY01 TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2007 PROGRAMME

09.30	/// Official opening //		
10.15			
	Conference Sessions	Conference Sessions	Interactive Business Area
10.30	1.1	2.1	IBA 01
12.00	Focus on Bulgaria - Supporting Businesses, Growth and Reforms Consolidation	A New Vision of Capital Markets in Central and Southeast Europe - the European Securities Landscape	Real Estate Market and Infrastructure. The bust of the Real Estate Boom or Imminent Surprises?
12.00	☕ lunch break		
13.30			
13.30	1.2	2.2	IBA 02
15.00	Energy Infrastructure	Internationalisation of SMEs: Support Services and Financing	OECD Workshop: How to Implement the Next Wave of Economic Reforms in South Eastern Europe
13.30	parallel event // Bulgaria-Italy: Entrepreneurial Challenges		
15.30			
15.10	1.3	2.3	IBA 03
16.45	The World Bank Group: Mobilising Resources for the Future	Roundtable on Freight Services: Supporting Business through Transport Infrastructure Development	Eco-innovation and Alternative Sources of Energy: Opportunities for SMEs
16.45	☕ coffee break		
17.00			
17.00	1.4	2.4	IBA 04
18.30	Technical Assistance Needs in the Region	Women in Action - The Driving Force of the United Europe	SME Development Projects co-funded by the EU in the CEI Region
20.00	/// evening reception and cultural programme		
22.00			

DAY02 WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2007 PROGRAMME

09.00	1.5	2.5
10.30	Moving Energy Efficiency Forward	ICT in SEE: Strategic Issues in Research, Technology and Deployment
10.30	☕ coffee break	
11.00	parallel event // Great-IST Final Conference. Project supported by the European Commission FP6 IST Programme	
17.00		
11.00	1.6	2.6
12.30	EBRD Transition Report 2007: People in Transition	Mobilising Actors for Environmental Governance
12.45	/// Closing Ceremony and Press Conference	
13.30		
13.45	☕ lunch break	
14.45		
15.00	/// Roundtable of the CEI Ministers of Economic Sectors //	
17.00	/// Ministers' Press Conference	
17.30		
17.30	🍸 cocktail	
18.00		



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venue
National Palace of Culture,
1 Bulgaria Square, 1414 Sofia
Bulgaria

The Central European Initiative (CEI) comprises 18 Member States. Membership extends over a territory of 2.4 million square kilometres with a population of nearly 260 million. From the very beginning, the main aim of the Initiative has been to help transition countries in Central and

Eastern Europe in their journey towards further integration with EU structures. Although the CEI is not a major donor organisation, it has several funds which are used to promote projects in a number of sectors. The accession of five CEI Member States to the EU in May 2004, and of Bulgaria

and Romania in January 2007, has shifted the CEI focus towards those Member States remaining outside the EU. By developing and implementing various projects and programmes, the CEI assists its Member States in a concrete and demand-driven manner.

CEI Member States

Albania
Austria
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia

Czech Republic
Hungary
Italy
Macedonia
Moldova
Montenegro

Poland
Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Ukraine