



*Bulgarian Chamber
of Commerce and Industry*

President

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Dear Organizers of the forum,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Permit me first of all, on behalf of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and on my personal behalf, to address you at the present Bulgarian Business Forum.

The Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a traditional partner with Hungary within the Cooperation Agreement with the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as with the Bulgarian – Hungarian Chamber of Commerce within the Club of Joint Chambers in Bulgaria. We have organized numbers of events, aiming to introduce the Bulgarian and Hungarian companies to the opportunities of establishing business relations.

Bulgaria managed to maintain its financial stability, the lowest taxes in the EU and position among the leading countries by low state debt. Hungary, on its part, managed to show remarkable character and to take measures that really defended the interests of the Hungarian economy. Therefore meetings like the present have their importance for exchange of experience between the two countries in the terms of the global economic and financial crisis.

One of our latest initiatives is the mobile application "Roving Museum" developed under the SAGITTARIUS Project with partners from Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia and other countries from Southeast Europe. The application is an interactive educational game and promotional guide to attractive tourist sites in this region. It is implemented in order to promote the cultural and historical heritage of Southeast Europe.

Although the trade turnover between Bulgaria and Hungary indicates positive results in the past two years, there is also existing potential especially towards developing the tourist sector, as well as to increasing foreign direct investments.

I am convinced that the Bulgarian Business Forum will contribute to strengthening the economic and business cooperation between Bulgaria and Hungary. I also raise hope in our future beneficial joint activities with the Hungarian-Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce.

I wish success to all the participants in the forum!

TSVETAN SIMEONOV

