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PROGRAM

3 APRIL 2012

19.30 p.m. **RECEPTION** on the occasion of Vienna Economic Talks – Sofia Meeting 2012 hosted by **H.E. Mr. Gerhard REIWEGER**, Ambassador of Republic of Austria to Bulgaria (by personal invitation only)

4 APRIL 2012

Location: Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Iskar Street 9, 1058 Sofia

8.00 – 9.00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organised for Vienna Economic Forum Members

8.45 – 8.55 a.m. **FAMILY PHOTO SESSION** (by invitation)

9.00 – 10.30 a.m. **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

OVERVIEW AND VISIONS FOR THE LIBERALISATION OF THE REGIONAL MARKET

Moderation and Opening:

Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, Member of the Board, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum

Welcome Address:

H. E. Mr. Boyko BORISSOV, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

Main Statements:

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria, President of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Ms. Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of the Republic of Bulgaria

Statements:

Mr. Andreas MAIERHOFER, CEO, MobilTel AD Bulgaria

Mr. Tsvetan SIMEONOV, President, Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dr. Peter HAROLD, Chairman of the Management Board, HYPO NOE Gruppe Bank AG, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria

Prof. Dr. Agni Vlavianos ARVANITIS, Founder and President, Biopolitics International Organisation, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, Greece

Q AND A SESSION

with the Audience, led by the Moderator

10.30 – 11.00 a.m. **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

LIBERALISATION OF THE ENERGY MARKET. PROTECTION OF COMPETITION

Moderation:

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, Former Vice Chancellor of Austria, President of Vienna Economic Forum

Impulse Statement:

H.E. Mr. Delyan DOBREV, Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria

Main Statement:

Mr. Jörg SOLLFELNER, Country Manager, EVN AG, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Panelists:

Mr. Svetoslav IVANOV, Deputy Executive Director, Overgas Inc. AD, Bulgaria

Amb. Prof. Dr. Vesna BOROZAN, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia, ECEE - Member, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum

Ms. Boriana MANOLOVA, CEO, Sector EOOD, Siemens AG Austria, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Theodor THANNER, Director General of the Austrian Competition Authority

Ms. Angelina MILEVA, Deputy Chairman, Commission on Protection of Competition, Bulgaria

Ms. Violeta STANICIC, Head of Office, European Parliament's office in Bulgaria

Q AND A SESSION

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12.30 – 13.30 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**
hosted by INVESTBULGARIA AGENCY



13.30 - **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**
15.00 p.m.

EXPERIENCES OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS IN THE REGION

Moderation and Statement:

Mr. Borislav STEFANOV, Executive Director,
Invest Bulgaria Agency

Main Statements:

H.E. Mr. Ivailo MOSKOVSKI, Minister for Transport,
Information Technology and Communications of the Republic
of Bulgaria

Ms. Jordanka FANDAKOVA, Mayor of Sofia Municipality

Statements:

Mr. Dieter MEYER, Managing Director, Verbund Renewable
Power GmbH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Rumen YANTCHEV, CEO, Bulstrad Vienna Insurance
Group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Prof. Gjoko ULDEDJAJ, Member of Parliament,
Parliamentary Commission on Economy and Finance, Albania

Dr. Michael ANGERER, Trade Commissioner of the Republic
of Austria, Bulgaria

Ms. Teodora BOTEVA, International Business
Development Manager, OMV Gas & Power GmbH, Austria,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum

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15.00 - **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**
15.30 p.m.

15.30 - **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION**
17.00 p.m.

LIBERALISATION OF THE LABOUR MARKET IN THE REGION

Moderation and Statement:

Mr. Kiril ZHELJAZKOV, Director,
Bulgarian Industrial Association

Impulse Statement:

Dr. Barbara KOLM, Director of the Board, F. A. v. Hayek
Institute, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum, Austria

Main Statement:

H.E. Mr. Totyu MLADENOV, Minister of Labour and
Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria

Statements:

Mr. Nikolin JAKA, President, Chamber of Commerce &
Industry of Tirana, Albania, Member of the Chamber
Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Branko AZESKI, President, Economic Chamber
of Macedonia, Member of the Chamber Committee
of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Safet GERXHALIU, President, Kosova Chamber
of Commerce, Member of the Chamber Committee
of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Ivan SAVELJIC, Vice President, Chamber
of Economy of Montenegro, Member of the Chamber
Committee of Vienna Economic Forum

Ms. Mirena KOLEVA, Director, WIFI Bulgaria

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CONCLUSION:

Mr. Tsvetan SIMEONOV, President,
Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, Member of the Board,
Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum

Followed by **COCKTAIL** for all participants,
hosted by the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

18.00 p.m. **END OF VIENNA ECONOMIC TALKS –
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