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**BULGARIAN – TURKISH BUSINESS FORUM**

**23rd of March 2023**

**International Congress Center, Burgas**

**Chernomorie Hall**

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| **10:00 – 11:00** | **Registration and welcome coffee** |
| **11:00 – 11:30** | **Official opening speeches:****Boyko Takov, PhD.**, Executive Director, BSMEPA **Alexander Poulev,** Minister of innovation and growth, Republic of Bulgaria **(TBC)****H.E. Ms Aylin Sekizkök**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye in the Republic of Bulgaria **(TBC)****Mr Dimitar Nikolov**, Mayor of Burgas **(TBC)****Mr Fikret Ince,** Honorable Chairman, Bulgarian-Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(TBC)** |
| **11:30 – 11:45** | **Coffee break** |
| **11:45 – 12:45** | **Panel I: Doing Business in Bulgaria/Türkiye****Moderator Boyko Takov, PhD., Executive Director, BSMEPA***1. Startup eco system in Bulgaria/* Türkiye *– Ms. Irina Obushtarova, the Recursive* **(TBC)** + Representative from Türkiye*2. Logistic advantages in Bulgaria – arch. Lyubomir Stanislavov, CEO & Member of Board, Automotive Cluster Bulgaria**Logistic advantages in Türkiye ? –* Representative from Türkiye*3. Nearshoring – Mr. Ilia Krastev, Chairman of the Managing Board of AIBEST* + Representative from Türkiye |
| **12:45 – 13:30** | **Panel II: Financial instruments for future collaboration areas between Bulgaria/Türkiye****Moderator........** *European Programs:**1. INTERREG & Cross-border Cooperation - Ms. Desislava Georgieva, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Republic of Bulgaria* ***(TBC)***+ Representative from Türkiye*2. HORIZONT 2020 - Assoc. prof. Boyan Jekov, PhD, National Coordinator for Horizont Europe* ***(TBC)***+ Representative from Türkiye*3. Venture Capital – Ms. Maria Marinova, Executive Director, Bulgarian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (BVCA)* ***(TBC)*** + Representative from Türkiye |
| **13:30 – 14:30** | **Catering / Luncheon cocktail** |
| **14:30 – 17:00** | **B2B meetings** |

*\*Official languages: Bulgarian and Turkish*