

“SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BALKANS IN THE POST COVID ERA”

1st DAY

09.30-10.00 **Stavros Kalafatis**, Opening speech by Deputy Minister of Interior Sector Macedonia and Thrace

10.00-12.30 **Opening greetings by governmental representatives from Balkan countries**

Moderator: Journalist

Speakers: **Welcome speeches by governmental representatives from Ministry of Interior, Ministry for Development and Investments and other Ministries**

- **Kostas Fragogiannis**, Deputy Minister for Economic Diplomacy and Openness

- **Ioannis Smirlis**, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

12.30-13.00 *Interval / Coffee break*

13.00-15.00 1st Session: Cross – border green deal: green entrepreneurship, sustainable development, circular economy

Sub session 1.1

Moderator: George Kremlis, Principal Advisor to the Prime Minister for energy, climate, environment and circular economy, Honorary Director, European Commission, Mandated by DG ENV for Circular Economy and Insularity

Speakers:

- **Naser Nuredini**, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, Republic of North Macedonia
- **Dr.Zlatko Lagumdžija**, Academic, Professor of Sarajevo University Economics Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Olivera Vukajlović**, Acting Director General of the Directorate for the promotion of the competitiveness, Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro

Sub session 1.2

Moderator: Ioannis Mardikis, Director of Circular Economy and Climate Change Institute- Circular Economy Business expert

Speakers:

- **Georgia Valatsou**, Permanent Secretary General for Ministry of Interior, Greece
- **George Kolyvas**, Former advisor at the EU Commission, Research fellow at the University of Geneva, President of UEF - Greece
- **Vivi Roumeliotou**, Society for the Protection of Prespa, Greece
- **Konstantia Dimitrakoudi**, Civil Engineer MSc, Ministry of Interior (sector Macedonia and Thrace), Greece

2nd DAY

Targeted zoom meetings B2G will take place alongside with the propositions

Thematic Sessions: - Greek Development Law, - Digital Government, - Green Development

09.00 *Arrival of participants*

09.15 – 09.30 **Opening speech by Giorgos Emmanouil**, Balkans' Forum Coordinator and General Director of Ministry of Interior (sector Macedonia and Thrace) **"Event Experience, synergies and Balkans' Forum prospects"**

09.30-11.30 **2nd Session: Smart practices in cross-border cooperation with tourism-agri-food and Development Footprint for the citizens of the Balkans**

Moderator: **Ignatiadis Spyros**, General Director of Greek Exporters Association (SEVE)

Speakers:

- **Zalidis Georgios**, Professor, School of Agriculture of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- **Effie Lazaridou**, Managing Director of the "Recharging the Youth: New Agriculture for a New Generation" program, Greece
- **Dr. Antonios Karvounis**, EGTCs National Contact Point, Ministry Of Interior, Greece
- **Theofylaktos Papadopoulos**, Head of International Relations and Regional Policy Directorate of Ministry of Interior (sector Macedonia and Thrace), Greece
- **Dr. Sebnem Sözer**, Head of Department EU Programmes, Cross-border Cooperation, Directorate General for financial Cooperation and Project Implementation, Directorate for EU Affairs, Turkey
- **Prof. Ruska Bozhkova**, Chief assistant, Tourism Department Faculty of Economics SWU "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria

- **Slawomir Tokarski**, Director, Directorate D - European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation I – DG REGIO
- **Carmen Rusu**, Assist.Prof., PhD, Vice Dean of Faculty of Engineering "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Romania

11.30-12.00 *Interval / Coffee break*

12.00-14.00 **3rd Session: The role of innovation and new technologies in the development of infrastructures and networks in the new programming period 2021-2027**

Moderator: **Nikos Katsiadakis**, Electrical Engineer, MSc in Management of Production Systems, CERTH Extroversion Unit

- Speakers:
- **Stergios Kiannas**, ViceGovernor for Developmental Transition Planning in the Region of Western Macedonia, Greece
 - **Nikos Efthymiadis**, Chairman & Ceo, Thess INTEC S.A., Greece
 - **Dimitrios Tzovaras**, Chairman and Director of Central Directorate CERTH, Greece
 - **Aristotelis Spiliotis**, Bank's Secretary General, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank, Greece
 - **Domagoj Šarić**, Head of Department for Economic Competitiveness, Croatian Chamber of Economy, Zagreb Croatia
 - **Mihai Niculescu**, Director General, Intelligent Transport Systems Romania, ITS Romania
 - **Milica Vračarić**, CEO at Regional Agency for the Development of SME Alma Mons Ltd. Novi Sad, Serbia
 - **Orhideja Kaljoshevska**, WBIF Country Manager for Republic of North Macedonia

14.00-14.30 *Interval / Coffee Break*

14.30-16.30 *4th Session: New Perspectives and Policies of Cohesion and Development Tools for Strengthening the Interregional Cooperation in the Balkan area*

Moderator: **Prof. Agis M. Papadopoulos**, Chairman of the Board EYATH S.A.

Speakers:

- **Georgios Kavvathas**, President GSEVEE, Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen & Merchants Greece
- **Giorgos Konstantopoulos**, President SEVE, Greek Exporters Association
- **Athanasios Savvakis**, President SBE, Federation of Industries of Greece
- **Eleni Gioti**, Senior Advisory Coordinator at European Investment Bank
- **Teodora Polimerova**, Director of directorate "Climate, energy and air quality", Sofia Municipality, Bulgaria
- **Gentian Xhaxhiu**, Programme and Legal Manager, Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA), Albania
- **Mjellma Mehmeti**, State Counselor for European Integration, Ministry of Local Self Government, Republic of North Macedonia
- **Gilles Kittel**, IPA/EUSAIR/Accession negotiations Team Leader, Unit D1 – DG REGIO

16.30-17.00 **Stavros Kalafatis**, Forum closure and conclusions by Deputy Minister of Interior Sector Macedonia and Thrace