



DUBROVNIK FORUM 2016

„STRENGTHENING EUROPE: CONNECTING NORTH AND SOUTH“

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

25 - 26 AUGUST 2016

15:30 – 15:40 **DUBROVNIK FORUM FAMILY PHOTO 1**
PRESIDENTS AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS “3SI”

Venue: Mare Plenary

15:40 – 15:55 **OPENING STATEMENTS**

H.E. KOLINDA GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ

President of the Republic of Croatia

H.E. ANDRZEJ DUDA

President of the Republic of Poland

15:55 – 16:15 **DUBROVNIK FORUM: SETTING THE SCENE**

General JAMES L. JONES, JR.

President of Jones Group International

Former U.S. National Security Advisor to President Obama

Mr. LIU HAIXING

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China

Secretary-General of the Secretariat for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries

16:15 – 18:00 **DUBROVNIK FORUM ROUNDTABLE:**
THE THREE SEAS INITIATIVE

Moderators:

H.E. ANDRZEJ DUDA

President of the Republic of Poland

H.E. KOLINDA GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ

President of the Republic of Croatia

Speakers:

H.E. DALIA GRYBAUSKAITĖ

President of the Republic of Lithuania

H.E. ROSEN PLEVNELIEV

President of the Republic of Bulgaria

H.E. JÁNOS ÁDER

President of Hungary

H.E. BORUT PAHOR

President of the Republic of Slovenia

Mr. PETER PELLEGRINI

Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization of the Slovak Republic

Mr. PETRU SORIN BUŞE

Minister of Transport of Romania

Mr. VÁCLAV KOLAJA

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Dr. MICHAEL LINHART

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria

Mr. VÄINO REINART

Undersecretary for Economic and Development Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

TBD

Representative of Latvia

The discussion should be focused on the political platform of the Initiative. The Presidents should emphasize the necessity of cooperation and further development of the framework that will support future projects, especially in the field of energy, transport and telecommunications. They should also emphasize the importance of linking and integrating the EU's/Central Europe's North and South. The importance of the basic pillars (energy, transport, and telecommunications of the corridor) was already stressed during the High Level Preparatory Meeting which was held in New York on 29 September 2015 on the margins of the 70th General Assembly of the United Nations. Therefore, the Presidential Roundtable should be used as a further concretization of the adopted general conclusions during the Preparatory meeting.

20:00 – 21:30

DINNER

09:00 – 10:45

ROUNDTABLE: “GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES”

Venue: Mare Plenary

Moderator:**H.E. MIRO KOVAČ**

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia

Speakers:**Mr. ANDREJ PLENKOVIĆ**

President of the Croatian Democratic Union

Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

H.E. IGOR CRNADAK

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

H.E. PÉTER SZIJJÁRTÓ

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

H.E. ENVER HOXHAJ

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo

Dr. MICHAEL LINHART

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria

Mr. DIMITRIOS MARDAS

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

Ms. KATARZYNA KACPERCZYK

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland

Mr. MARIUS CRISTIAN BĂDESCU

Secretary of State for European Affairs of Romania

Mr. AHMET YILDIZ

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Mr. HOYT BRIAN YEE

Deputy Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs

General JAMES L. JONES, JR.

President of Jones Group International

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The Panel “Geopolitical Challenges” will bring together Foreign Ministers and partners of the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea Initiative. There is no doubt that cooperation in Europe (North and South) needs to be strengthened. This cooperation is key for the successful development of a wider EU. In this panel, we will discuss new opportunities and challenges. Accordingly, we should keep sight of the bigger global picture. Global problems require global responses. In this context due to its geopolitical position, Southern and Eastern Europe have always been particularly exposed to major shifts and rifts. Therefore, during our talks, we will try to explore options that could be taken, with an aim to further develop interregional capabilities and how to strengthen partnerships within our wider political surroundings.

10:45 – 11:00

**DUBROVNIK FORUM FAMILY PHOTO 2
ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS**

The two following events (“Strengthening EU Energy Security: Connecting the Three Seas” and “Getting Together for Business Opportunities”) are taking place simultaneously.

11:00 – 13:00

ROUNDTABLE: “STRENGTHENING EU ENERGY SECURITY: CONNECTING THE THREE SEAS”

Venue: Mare Plenary

Introduction:

Mr. TOMISLAV PANENIĆ

Minister of Economy of Croatia

Ms. GEORGETTE LALIS

Principle Advisor to the European Commission’s Director-General for Energy

Moderator:

Mr. DAVID KORANYI

Director of the Eurasian Energy Futures Initiative, Atlantic Council

TOPIC 1: ENERGY SECURITY IN ADRIATIC – BALTIC – BLACK SEA AREA

Speakers:

Mr. CRISTIAN BUŞU

State Secretary in the Ministry of Energy of Romania

Mr. MICHAŁ KURTYKA

Deputy Minister of Energy of Poland

Mr. ILIR BEJTJA

Deputy Minister of Energy and Industry of Albania

Mr. ALEKSANDRAS SPRUOGIS

Vice – Minister of Energy of Lithuania

Mr. ALBERT G. NAHAS

Vice President of Cheniere Energy

TOPIC 2: BENEFITS OF REGIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION

Speakers:

Mr. MIRKO ŠAROVIĆ

Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. VLADIMIR KAVARIĆ

Minister of Economy of Montenegro

Mr. ANTHONY MARINO

President and CEO of Vermilion Energy

Mr. MURAD HEYDAROV

CEO of State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic – SOCAR Balkans

Advisor to President of SOCAR

TOPIC 3: CONNECTING NORTH AND SOUTH: ROLE OF LNG TERMINALS

Speakers:

Mr. ZDESLAV MATIĆ

Assistant Minister for Energy of Croatia

Mr. TADAS MATULIONIS

Director of LNG Department of LNG Klaipeda

Mr. PAWEŁ JAKUBOWSKI

Director of Development Division, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A

Mr. KENNETH GUTTORMSEN
Business Development Manager, Höegh LNG
Mr. KNUT SØVOLD
Director of HEMLA Vantage

FAMILY PHOTO

SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - IAP

Ministers of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia and Energy Company SOCAR.

MEDIA STATEMENTS

Energy security became high priority on the agenda of all national governments. Today it is the foundation for economic growth and further development. It is also a first-rate political issue. Energy remains a key priority area also for Croatia. Considering Croatia's strategic location in Europe and proximity to major European markets, we take on the responsibility to be a strong and important link in the integration of the region into a single European energy market. Through the Initiative Adriatic – Baltic – Black Sea, countries on the road have a strategic and remarkable opportunity to enhance their cooperation in the political, economic, energy, infrastructure and security field. In that context, Croatia is developing two regional energy projects – LNG terminal Krk and Ionian-Adriatic Pipeline (IAP) that will greatly contribute to the diversification of energy supply in Central and South Eastern Europe. Both projects are developing in the framework of regional energy initiative ABC (Adriatic – Baltic – Black Sea) and CESEC – High Level Group on Central and South Eastern Europe.

11:00 – 12:20

PANEL: “GETTING TOGETHER FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES”

Venue: Mare II-III

Introduction by Moderator:

Mr. ŽELIMIR KRAMARIĆ
Vice-President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy

Panellists:

Mr. MAREK KLOCZKO
Vice President-Director General of the Polish Chamber of Commerce
Mr. SAMO HRIBAR MILIČ
General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
Dr. RICHARD SCHENZ
Vice President of the Austrian Chamber of Economy
Mr. VASIL TODOROV
Secretary-General of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr. DRAGUTIN RANOGAJEC
President of the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts
Ms. EFKA HEDER
Director of the South East European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECCEL)

Topics to be covered:

- *Chambers of the Baltic-Adriatic-Black Sea region as a link between national economies*
- *Digital Agenda – the benefits of a digital single market for economy*
- *Cooperation on joint regional projects – possibilities and opportunities*
- *Education and its impact on the economy – dual education system and entrepreneurial learning*

Region Baltic-Adriatic-Black Sea through the natural geographical and traditional economic and political connections provides a wide range of opportunities for implementation of a number of projects aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of national economies in accordance with the policies of the European Union.

Having in mind the interests of the national economies in the BABS region and the opportunities for cooperation in the frame of this platform, it is necessary to develop stronger connections between business communities in all BABS Initiative member countries through cooperation on projects of common interest with the focus on infrastructure, energy, digital agenda, dual educational system and entrepreneurial learning, innovation, research and development and consequently strengthening the competitiveness of micro and small and medium-sized enterprises.

SIGNING OF THE CHAMBERS' JOINT STATEMENT

Venue: Mare II-III

12:20 – 12:40

COFFEE BREAK

The two following panels (“Connecting the Three Seas” and “Angel Investments – Supporting the Start-Up Community in the Three Seas Area”) take place simultaneously.

12:40 – 14:00

PANEL: “CONNECTING THE THREE SEAS”

Venue: Mare II-III

Moderator:

Mr. BOŽO PETROV

Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia

Introduction:

Mr. MIRO ŠKRGATIĆ

Deputy Minister of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure of Croatia

Mr. PETRU SORIN BUȘE

Minister of Transport of Romania

Mr. JERZY SZMIT

Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Construction of Poland

Panellists:

Mr. TOMISLAV TOLUŠIĆ

Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds of Croatia

Mr. DAN ŤOK

Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic

Mr. PETRU SORIN BUȘE

Minister of Transport of Romania

Mr. ANDRIS MALDUPS

Director of Transit Policy Department in the Ministry of Transport of Latvia

Ms. ANNA MOSKWA

Director of International Relations Department in the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of Poland

Mr. VEDRAN DEVČIĆ

President of Management Board of the Port of Rijeka j.s.c., Croatia

One of the foundations of the EU is free movement of goods, services, people and capital. Transport infrastructure has a crucial role in enhancing the free movement principle which represents one of the four EU fundamental freedoms. The panel will focus on ports as meeting points of all other modes of transport, and it will give us an opportunity to discuss the challenges posed by connecting Adriatic, Baltic and Black Sea ports. Issues that we will touch upon include the best way to interconnect the mentioned ports, possible influence of projects interconnecting them on raising the competitiveness of the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea area, but also on timely realization of the European Commission's White Paper on transport goals and targets.

White Paper 2011: 'Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system' sets ambitious goals for the European transport system in terms of its sustainability, efficiency and performance. The greatest challenge in achieving those goals across the entire Single European Transport Area will be in bringing still developing national and regional transport systems at the same level as those that are already highly developed. This is why we are interested in discussing how collaboration through the informal cooperation framework of the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea Initiative could help coordinate efforts to bridge the gap and contribute to creating truly functioning sustainable and efficient Trans-European Transport Network.

In this we would like to build upon fruitful discussions held within the framework of this year's TEN-T days in Rotterdam. We will also touch upon the best ways of financing the projects.

12:40 – 14:00

PANEL: “ANGEL INVESTMENTS – SUPPORTING THE START-UP COMMUNITY IN THE THREE SEAS AREA”

Venue: Mare IV

Moderator:

Mr. DAVORIN ŠTETNER

President of the Croatian Business Angels Network (CRANE)

Introduction:

Ms. CANDACE JOHNSON

President of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN)

Panellists:

Mr. ANTAL KAROLYI

President of Hungarian Business Angels

Mr. BRANKO DROBNAK

President of Slovenian Business Angels

Mr. DAVOR TREMAC

General Manager of UBER SE Europe

Ms. SELMA PRODANOVIĆ

Founder & Vice-President of Austrian Angel Investors Association

EBAN Board Member

Ms. CANDACE JOHNSON

President of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN)

President of Sofia Business Angels

Closing Remarks:

Mr. JACOPO LOSSO

Director of EBAN Secretariat

Start-up ecosystem is hot topic in the world. Last year over 8.3 billion EUR was invested in European start-ups by Business Angels. What we can do to boost investments and encourage more business angel investors to invest? We will try to collect the answers to this question from leading Presidents of the European Business Angels Networks. How are things developing in the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea area and which steps are planned to support this kind of investments?

SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CROATIAN CHAMBER OF ECONOMY AND THE CROATIAN BUSINESS ANGELS NETWORK

14:15 – 16:00

CLOSING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY H.E. MIRO KOVAČ, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF CROATIA

Venue: Elafiti Restaurant, Hotel Dubrovnik Palace