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3rd Burgas Business Forum

Strengthening Bulgaria-Türkiye-Romania Economic Ties

Date: 14 March 2025 | 09:15 am EET

Venue: International Congress Centre, Burgas

09:15 – 10:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome addresses by representatives from:**

Moderator: *Boyko Takov, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Bulgarian SME Promotion Agency*

- **Mr. Tomislav Donchev**, *Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Innovation and Growth*
- **Bulgarian, Turkish & Romanian officials** (*Ministers, Ambassadors, etc.*)
- **H.E. Mr. Mehmet Sait Uyanik**, *Ambassador of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye to the Republic of Bulgaria*
- **H.E. MS. Brânduşa-Ioana Predescu**, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the Republic of Bulgaria*
- **Mr. Dimitar Nikolov**, *Mayor of Burgas*
- **Mr. Fikret Ince**, *Honourary Chairman and Founder of Bultışad*
- **Atty. Victor Gugushev**, *Chairman of the Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce (BRCC)*
- **Mr. Zeki Saribekir**, *DEIK Bulgaria Council Chairman*

10:30 – 11:00 **New Horizons for Bulgaria- Türkiye-Romania economic relations**

Keynote Speeches with Moderation: *"Bulgaria's Schengen Accession: New Horizons for Bulgaria-Türkiye-Romania Economic Relations"* Investment Incentives by Invest Bulgaria Financial opportunities for companies, featuring presentations by:

- **Ms. Mila Nenova**, *Executive Director, Invest Bulgaria Agency*
- **Mrs. Kubra Orakcioglu Kazan**, *DEIK Outbound Investments Business Council President*

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- **Mr. Ali Arda Alici**, *Commercial Attaché at the General Consulate of Turkey in Burgas*
TBC
- **Mr. Ivaylo Marinov**, *Commercial and Economic Counsellor at the Embassy of Bulgaria in Romania*
- **Mr. Radu Călin Moldovan**, *Minister Counsellor, Economic and Commercial Promotion Office at the Embassy of Romania in Sofia* TBC
- **Mr. Stefan Sofroniev**, *Commercial, and Economic Counsellor at the Embassy of Bulgaria in Istanbul*

14:45 - 15:45 #BreakingGrounds Panel

Scaling SEE innovative business on Europe's largest tech events

Moderator: Mr. Teodor Antonio Georgiev, *Co-Founder & Head, Storytelling Studio & Originator, #BreakingGrounds*

- **Brief presentation of #BreakingGrounds**, *mission, value, achievements*
- **The Innovation Potential of the SEE Region: Strategic Partnerships for Business Growth**
- **The Role of Legal Services in Scaling Successful Businesses**
- **Bulgaria, a Dynamic Innovation Hub: Challenges and Opportunities**

13:30 – 16:30 B2B Matchmaking Event

18:30 – 20:30 Closing Remarks with Gala Dinner

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