

Plenary Meeting, 18 November 2004
Aleksander Palace Hotel, Skopje
Draft Agenda

OPENING SESSION

09:00 Opening Remarks

Mr Fabrizio Saccomanni, Chairman of WT II

Mr Erhard Busek, Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

Representative of the Dutch Presidency of the EU

09:20 Adoption of Agenda

09:25 Spotlight on the Trade Liberalisation Process in SEE

Adriana Civić, Chair SP Trade Working Group

THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

Each discussion session will commence with an address by keynote speaker, followed by comments by a small panel of selected experts before the floor is opened for a general discussion.

**09:45 Entrepreneurship and Employment Generation in SEE -
Preparing for and Dealing with the Impact of Industrial
Restructuring**

Continuing the theme of WT II's overall goal to improve the environment for entrepreneurship and employment generation in SEE, this session will discuss proposed measures to improve the management of industrial restructuring in different parts of South Eastern Europe

- Identifying competitive advantages
- Developing the necessary partnerships and leveraging current resources
- Addressing the socio-economic aspects of industrial restructuring

Keynote Address:

- Miet Smet, Chair of Initiative for Social Cohesion

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 Developing an Energy Community in South Eastern Europe (ECSEE) – Information for All

The SEE countries are in the process of negotiating a legally binding agreement with the European Union on the creation of ECSEE. Given the expected political, economic and social impact of this agreement, it is vital that all relevant groups be made aware of its implications

- The Negotiations Process – an update
- Role of Parliamentarians
- Involvement of Social Partners and Civil Society

Keynote Address:

- Director General Dr. Bruno Zluwa, Director General, General Energy and Mining Directorate, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour, Austria

CLOSING SESSION

12:45 Statement from the Co-Chair of Working Table II

Prof Inotai, Hungary

12:55 Chairman's Conclusions

Mr Fabrizio Saccomanni

13:00 Close of Meeting

A "Marketplace" providing information on selected WTII activities will be available outside conference hall throughout WT II meeting

15.30 Presentation of EBRD Transition Report 2004

- Summary of Key Points of the recently published EBRD report which, this year focuses on infrastructure, covering energy, telecommunications, transport and water supply.