

## AGENDA

### SESSION I

Trade Policy in the context of regional integration and economic growth

24 November 2015 (Tuesday), 10:30 – 12:30

**OBJECTIVE:** To discuss the role of trade policy in economic growth, and how a consistent policy coordination at the national level could be developed to support the economic growth agenda. National aspects will include efforts for trade policy coordination and the interaction with other economic policies in order to promote economic growth, institutional arrangements, challenges faced and opportunities to develop national trade policies. Interaction between national trade policies to CEFTA will be discussed through presentation of the international organisation and CEFTA Academia Network how trade policy can be instrumental to stimulate economic growth in SEE and share the perspectives of EU business sector in this regard.

**MODERATOR:**

**Ms. Renata VITEZ**, former CEFTA Secretariat's Director

#### Presentations from CEFTA Parties// opinions and remarks

10:30 - 10:40	<p><b>“National Trade policy of Moldova in the context of economic growth”</b></p> <p>Mr. Octavian Calmic, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Moldova</p>
10:40 – 10:50	<p><b>“Trade policy in Montenegro – overview and challenges”</b></p> <p>Mr. Goran Scepanovic, Director General at the Ministry of Economy of Montenegro</p>
10:50 – 11:00	<p><b>“Trade policy in the context of regional integration and economic growth – from the perspective of Serbia”</b></p> <p>Ms. Jadranka Zenic Zeljkovic, Head of WTO Department, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications of Serbia</p>
11:00-11:20	<p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>

#### Presentations of the International Organisations

11:20 – 11:30	<p><b>Mr. Bernard Brunet</b>, Head of Unit DG NEAR, European Commission</p> <p><b><u>Presentation: "EU support to Economic Governance and Trade Facilitation in the CEFTA region"</u></b></p>
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11:30 – 11:40	<p><b>Mr. Sanjin Arifagic</b>, Head of Unit, Economic and Social Development, RCC</p> <p><b><u>Presentation: "Trade in Regional Context"</u></b></p>
11:40-11:50	<p><b>Ms. Silvana Mojsavska</b>, Professor at International Economics, University of St. Cyril and Methodius, Macedonia</p> <p><b><u>Presentation: "Trade and Development in CEFTA Parties: Policy issues and challenges"</u></b></p>
11:50-12:00	<p><b>Mr. Valeriu Lazar</b>, President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Moldova</p> <p><b><u>"The involvement of business community in national policy of Moldova"</u></b></p>
12:00 - 12:20	<p><b>Discussion for Session I</b></p> <p><b>Topics for discussions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National trade policies and their interaction with other economic policies to promote economic growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Institutional arrangements</li> <li>➤ Policy coordination</li> <li>➤ Challenges and opportunities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interaction between national trade policies to CEFTA as the framework of regional trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Promoting regional trade as a tool for economic growth</li> <li>➤ Proposal of a sample of policy mixes which trade policy to interact with</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:20 – 12:30	<b>Conclusions and Recommendations</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>