



CEFTA **Week 2013**

Central European Free Trade Agreement

CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2013

PROGRAMME FOR CEFTA WEEK 2013

Schedule of events

18 – 19 November 2013

VENUE:

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Day 1, 18th November 2013

VENUE: Sarajevo, Hotel Bristol

Time	Event description	Speakers
14:00 – 14:30	Registration of Participants (Sarajevo Hall)	
14:15 – 14:30	Media statements (Banja Luka Room)	
14:30 – 15:00 Banja Luka Room	<p>Official Opening and Welcome Address (open to media)</p> <p>H.E. Mrs. Ermina Salkičević- Dizdarević, <i>Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH</i></p> <p>H.E. Ambassador Peter Sorensen, <i>Head of the EU Delegation to BiH and EU Special Representative</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Goran Svilanović, <i>Secretary General of Regional Cooperation Council</i></p>	
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break (Sarajevo Hall)	
Room SARAJEVO I	<p>Parallel session I: “Intra regional trade – key component of SEE 2020 Strategy”</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Hamdo Tinjak, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH (MoFTER BiH)</p>	
15:15- 16:45	<p>Importance of having a strategic approach at the regional level</p> <p>South East Europe 2020: jobs and prosperity in a European perspective” – the concept and rationale behind, the goals and tools for achieving it.</p> <p>The contribution of CEFTA structures in drafting the strategy for Pillar 1: Integrated Growth</p> <p>The monitoring of the SEE 2020 Strategy</p> <p>“The economic development of the Western Balkans since Thessaloniki” – Study done by EU Institute for Security Studies</p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Ermina Salkičević-Dizdarević, Deputy Minister, MoFTER BiH • Mr. Sanjin Arifagić, Head of Economic and Social Development Unit, RCC • Mrs. Renata Vitez, Director of CEFTA Secretariat • Mr. Alan Paic, OECD • Mrs. Milica Uvalić, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee break	
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of SEE 2020 Strategy – Integrated Growth Pillar for CEFTA Parties - Why trade is part of the SEE 2020 strategy? - Is the Integrated Growth pillar the only pillar that tackles trade and trade related issues? 	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Zada Muminović, Head of Unit for Trade Relations with European Integrations, MoFTER BiH • CEFTA Parties

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<p>Room SARAJEVO II</p>	<p>Parallel Session II: “The role of CEFTA Forum of the Chambers of Commerce”</p> <p>Part I: Agriculture, SPS and trade in services</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Igor Gavran, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH</p>	
<p>15:15- 16:45</p>	<p>Results of the Agriculture and SPS Subcommittee of CEFTA in 2013</p> <p>The benefits of strong cooperation of public institutions with private sector through the Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Report on the implementation of the conclusions of the 6th meeting of the Working Group on Agriculture and SPS under Chambers of Commerce Forum</p> <p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foreign trade analyses for food industry area - Accession to the third markets - Mutual recognition of documents in sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary areas - Progress in the process of the accession to the European Union 	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dušan Neškovic, Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Rural development, MoFTER BiH • Mr. Ian Stuart, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH • Ms. Tijana Slagalo, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH <p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEFTA Chambers of Commerce
<p>16:45 – 17:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>17:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>Report of the Working Group on Trade in Services under Chambers of Commerce Forum</p> <p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting private sector in the liberalization of trade in services in CEFTA Region - Challenges in liberalising financial, transport, communication and tourism services 	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Slavica Rakić, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia <p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEFTA Parties

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<p align="center">Room SARAJEVO III</p>	<p>Parallel Session III: “Making trade easier - removing barriers to trade”</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dragan Milović, Assistant Minister for economic development and entrepreneurship, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH</p>	
<p>15:15 – 16:45</p>	<p>The importance of recognition of conformity assessment documents among CEFTA Parties</p> <p>Experience and progress of CEFTA Parties in improving the national system of food safety at all stages of food chain</p> <p>Strategic guidelines for the elimination of NTBs in CEFTA</p> <p>Importance of Transparency in Reducing NTBs</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zoran Bilbija, Head of Unit for Conformity Assessment, MoFTER BiH • Mr. Marijo Perc, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH • Mr. Antonio Fanelli, Deputy Head of Division, OECD • Mrs. Katarina Djermanovic-Largenton, Policy Analyst, OECD • Mrs. Aleksandra Raković, CEFTA Secretariat
<p>16:45 – 17:00</p>	<p align="center">Coffee break</p>	
<p>17:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality infrastructure system in the CEFTA region 	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Norris, Team Leader, IPA 2011 Quality Infrastructure in the Western Balkans and Turkey • Mr. Sejad Mackic, Director, Food Safety Agency of BiH • Mrs. Nihada Ahmetovic, Food Safety Agency of BiH • CEFTA Parties

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09:00 – 09:30	Registration of Participants	
Room SARAJEVO I	<p>Parallel Session I: “Liberalisation of trade in services – engine for development in the region”</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mrs. Zada Muminović, Head of Unit for Trade Relations with European Integrations, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH</p>	
09:30 - 11:00	<p>Process of liberalization of trade in services within CEFTA 2006 Parties - importance for CEFTA Parties</p> <p>Impact and role of trade in services on external position and economy in BiH</p> <p>Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) assessment for construction services in CEFTA</p> <p>Trade in services – Untapped growth potential for the Western Balkan region</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zorislav Zadrić, Senior Advisor, Unit for Multilateral Trade Relations, MoFTER BiH • Mr. Amir Hadžiomerađić, Central Bank of BiH • Mrs. Katarina Djermanovic-Largenton, Policy Analyst, OECD • Mr. Gabriel Boc, Policy Analyst, OECD • Mrs. Ivana Prica, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liberalisation of transport services within CEFTA framework - Main challenges in the process of negotiations on services for CEFTA Parties - Which services should be liberalised first: financial, communication, transport, construction, tourism...? 	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Zoran Andric, Ministry of Transport and Communication of BiH • CEFTA Parties

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Room SARAJEVO II	<p>Parallel Session II: “The role of CEFTA Forum of the Chambers of Commerce”</p> <p>Part II: Rules of origin, TBT and NTB</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Igor Gavran, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH</p>	
09:30 - 11:00	<p>Report on the implementation of the conclusions of the Working Group on Rules of Origin under Chambers of Commerce Forum</p> <p>Topic for discussion:</p> <p>Diagonal cumulation of origin (CEFTA-EU-EFTA) - way forward to implementing the PANEUROMED Convention</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Biljana Peeva - Gjurić, Economic Chamber of Macedonia <p><u>Panel discussions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEFTA Chambers of Commerce
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 - 12:30	<p>Report on the implementation of the conclusions of the Working Group on TBT and NTB under Chambers of Commerce Forum</p> <p>Topic for discussion:</p> <p>Role of private sector in identifying TBT and NTB measures in CEFTA region</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vlatko Stojanovski, Economic Chamber of Macedonia <p><u>Panel discussions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEFTA Chambers of Commerce

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Room SARAJEVO III	<p>Parallel session III: “Boosting regional trade and Foreign Investments after the crisis”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Jelica Grujić, Director, Foreign Investment Promotion Agency of BiH</p>	
09:30 - 11:00	<p>“The White Book 2012/2013 –recommendations”</p> <p>Challenges for BiH investment regime after crises – Regulatory Impact Assessment and amendments to the BiH law on FDIs</p> <p>“Foreign Direct Investment into transition economies: Are the Balkans different?” – study done by London School of Economics</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Bojana Škrobić Omerović, Foreign Investment Council of BiH • Mr. Dragiša Mekić, Assistant Minister for Foreign Trade Policy and FDI, MoFTER BiH • Mrs. Milica Uvalić, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break	

11:15 – 12:30	<p>Foreign Direct Investment and Trade Policy in Emerging Economies</p> <p>Next Generation Competitiveness Initiative</p> <p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How trade and FDI policy can contribute to eliminating the negative effects on economy? - How to create friendly business environment in the CEFTA region? Does trade liberalization foster FDI in emerging countries? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ivan Anton Nimac, Head, Investment Climate Department, World Bank Group • Mr. Milan Konopek, OECD • Ms. Sarah Perret, Policy Analyst, OECD <p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Dragana Djurica, RCC • CEFTA Parties
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12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
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Afternoon Sessions

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13:30 – 14:00	Registration of participants	
Room SARAJEVO I	<p>Parallel Session I: “Challenges for Academia in evaluating the costs and benefits of CEFTA Agreement”</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Zada Muminović, Head of Unit for Trade Relations with European Integrations, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH</p>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>“Comparative analysis of the competitiveness of CEFTA Parties”</p> <p>“The effects of CEFTA Agreement after 5 years of implementation”</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p>Mr. Zijad Dzafic, Ph.D. Professor, Vice Dean, Faculty of Economics, Tuzla University, BiH</p> <p>Mr. William Bartlett, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 - 17:00	<p>Topic for discussion:</p> <p>The Role of Academia in the functioning of CEFTA</p>	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academia representatives from CEFTA Parties

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<p align="center">Room SARAJEVO II</p>	<p>Parallel Session II: “Facilitating trade at the border”</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Hajrudin Podbičanin, Assistant Minister for Customs Policy and Tariffs, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH</p>	
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Impact of trade facilitation on reaching the goals of SEE 2020 Strategy – Integrated Growth</p> <p>Relevant international recommendations for trade facilitation</p> <p>Role of Origin in facilitation of international trade and integration</p> <p>Regional findings of the assessment on the administrative barriers to trade in CEFTA</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Umut Ergezer, CEFTA Secretariat • Mrs. Elma Demir, Senior Official, Unit for monitoring the implementation of customs regulations, MoFTER BiH • Mr. Vladimir Pizar, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH • Mrs. Katarina Djermanovic-Largenton, Policy Analyst, OECD • Mrs. Zorica Kucic, Independent Customs Expert
<p>15:30 – 15:45</p>	<p align="center">Coffee break</p>	
<p>15:45 – 17:00</p>	<p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronic exchange of data in CEFTA Parties - Good practices in electronic exchange of data - Facilitation of trade through less documentation - Common border control and common utilization of the inspection equipment 	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEED Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Fadil Belko, Team Leader Mr. Giovanni Piccirillo, Task Manager Mr. Vladimir Obucina, Operations Manager • Mr. Adnan Pozder, Indirect Tax Authority of BiH • Mr. Zijad Sinanovic, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH • CEFTA Parties

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Room SARAJEVO III	<p>Parallel Session III: “Withdrawal of Croatia from CEFTA – Impact on future regional cooperation”</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Dragiša Mekić, Assistant Minister for Foreign Trade Policy, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH</p>	
14:00- 15:30	<p>Croatia’s experience in transiting from CEFTA to the EU</p> <p>The European perspective of a CEFTA Party acceding the EU</p> <p>Key messages from the EU accession process - lessons learnt by Croatia</p>	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Tatjana Tomić, Deputy Head of the State Office for Trade Policy, Croatia • Mr. Peter Polajner, Representative of the European Commission • Mr. Miroslav Božić, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH
15:30 -15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Topic for discussion:</p> <p>Challenges of Accession of Croatia to the EU for other CEFTA Parties</p>	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dragiša Mekić, Assistant Minister for Foreign Trade Policy, MoFTER BiH • Mrs. Tatjana Dinkić, Head of EU and EFTA Unit, Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade and Telecommunications, Serbia • CEFTA Parties
18:00 – 20:30	<p>Cocktail offered by MoFTER, BiH</p> <p>Restaurant “Druga kuća - Lora”</p> <p>Kolodvorska Street, no 9 – 13, Sarajevo</p>	