



CEFTA

Central European Free Trade Agreement

CHAIRMANSHIP OF SERBIA 2017

Session I: **FACILITATION OF FREE TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES AND HARMONIZATION OF CEFTA MARKETS WITH THE EU**
Venue: NIKOLA TESLA ROOM, Hotel Metropol Palace, Belgrade

10.15-13.00 hrs **21 November, 2017**

Objective: This session will be focusing on the ways to assist the Region's economic growth perspective by taking into account all the efforts made in CEFTA in the past years, in particular the ones related to the additional protocols on trade facilitation, and trade in services. Furthermore, the CEFTA Parties agreed to deepen the regional economic integration which was acknowledged and confirmed by Prime Ministers of the Western Balkans 6 at the Trieste Summit held in July this year aiming to create Regional Economic Area. Therefore this session will emphasize interrelations between various trade policy areas, such as trade facilitation, liberalization of trade in services, elimination of NTBs, and strengthening dispute settlement mechanisms in CEFTA as well as correlation between trade, investment and economic growth in the context of the EU alignment process.

Moderator: 10:15 – 10:25	Mr. Stevan Nikcevic, State Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, CEFTA Chair in Office
10:25 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KEY-NOTE SPEECH Ms. Marzena KISIELEWSKA, OECD
10:45 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The importance and expected positive effects of the Consolidated MAP for the Region Mr. Gazmend TURDIU, RCC Secretariat
11:00 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU alignment process and the regional economic area related actions Mr. Gabriel BLANC, EC (DG NEAR)
11:15 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-annual Action Plan from CEFTA Parties perspective Ms. Olivera Jocić, National Contact Point for Trade Component of MAP, Serbia Ms. Zorica Smileva, CEFTA Contact Point, Macedonia Ms. Sytrime Dervisholli, CEFTA Contact Point, Kosovo* ¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribution from other CEFTA Parties

*¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



12:00 – 12:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The relevance of the Transport Community Treaty to the Regional Economic Area</i> <p>Mr. Mate Gjorgjievski, SEETO</p>
12:10 – 12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The relevance of the Energy Community pan European internal energy market to the Regional Economic Area</i> <p>Ms. Jasmina TRHULJ, Energy Community Secretariat</p>
12:20 – 12:30	<p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Conclusions and Recommendations</p>
13:00 - 14.30	<p><i>Lunch Break (RESTAURANT)</i></p>

