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CEFTA IN A CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY
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H.E. Endrit Shala
Minister of Trade and Industry
CEFTA Chair in Office

David Cullen
Head of Unit for Kosovo*¹ and FYROM
DG NEAR
European Commission

Mr. Gazmend Turdiu
Deputy Secretary General
Regional Cooperation Council

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on the status and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
Session I: Trade in services and economic development

The objective of this session is to discuss the interrelations between trade related agenda of CEFTA and other components of MAP REA. In particular, trade in services agenda of CEFTA will be discussed in the context of MAP REA and its direct relevant with mobility of skilled labor and investment related actions of MAP REA. The session will be devoted to reflect the main restrictions in services sector which still exist in CEFTA and how investment related reforms could be prioritized at the regional level. Last, the components on mobility and investment in the context of MAP REA will be discussed with the participation of private sector representatives.

Moderator: Sytrime Dervisholli - CEFTA Chair in Office
Panel discussion and conclusions

World Trade Organization (WTO)
Juan Marchetti (10’)
Designing an STRI for CEFTA Parties

GIZ
Sosanna Lisgara (15’)
Presentation of the results of the national assessment for the set-up of Contact Point for Services (CPS)

Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
Gazmend Turdiu (10’)
The current state of play in mobility and investment as part of MAP REA

CEFTA Parties – Kosovo* and Macedonia (20’)
The investment reform agendas of CEFTA Parties

Kosovo* Association of Information and Communication Technology (STIKK)
12:30-13:30
Lunch

13:30-15:00
Session II: From Trade Facilitation to Economic Growth

The objective is to discuss the role of trade facilitation in the context of economic growth perspectives of the countries. Thus, the session will be devoted to the expected advantages and challenges may WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement present to economic growth perspectives of the countries in the global scale. For the CEFTA Region, Additional Protocol 5 will be discussed in particular and its role and interaction with WB Regional Economic Area, expected positive impact on promotion and facilitation of regional trade, and transport connectivity.

Moderator: Umut Ergezer – Expert of the EU Project on Trade
Panel discussion and conclusions

UNCTAD
Denise Penello Rial (10’)
Global good practices of merging NTB and Trade Facilitation agendas to serve better the economic growth and job creation agendas of countries

World Bank
Violane Konar (10’)
Trade facilitation reforms – Examples and Lessons Learned from the Trade Facilitation Reform Support Program

CEFTA Parties – Nebojsa Radonjic (Montenegro) (10’)
CEFTA AP 5 and its challenges and benefits

International Trade Center (ITC)
Qasim Chaudry (10’)
SEED Team
Vladimir Obucina and Fadil Belko (15’)
*AP 5 and electronic data exchange – a means or an end itself?*

Pharmaceutical Company “TrePharm”
Mërgim Prishtina (10’)
*Opportunities and Challenges from the business perspective*

15:00-15:30
Coffee break

15:30-17:00

**Session III: Trade Facilitation together with private sector**
The primary purpose of this session is to present the importance of cooperation with private sector in trade facilitation. In this particular context, the Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) and the possible facilities provided through the application of the Authorized Economic Operators concerning the importers and exporters will be discussed by the session. The current state of play of the implementation of Annex III of the CEFTA AP 5 will also be presented during the session and good practices of other countries in Authorized Operators Programmes and their mutual recognitions will comparatively be submitted.

**Moderator: Ibrahim Xhaka – Kosovo* Customs**
Panel discussion and conclusions

**World Bank**
Violane Konar and Mimoza Miftari (20’)

**GIZ**
Pim Berkhuizen/AEO expert (15’)
*Presentation of project activities to support CEFTA AEO Mutual Recognition – Current state of play and future actions to take*

**CEFTA Parties – Violeta Delia (Albania) (10’)**
*Presentation of the current situation in national AEO programmes in the respective CEFTA Parties and their understanding and preparedness for CEFTA Mutual Recognition*

**Beverages Company “Frutex”**
Shaqir Palushi (10’)
*AEO from the business perspective*

*17:00 – Closure of the event*