

CEFTA WEEK 2018
PRISTINA

CEFTA IN A CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

Venue: Hotel Emerald

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Time	Topics	Moderator: Durim Limaj – CEFTA Chair in Office
09:00-09:30	Registration of participants	
09:30-10:15	The official opening of the CEFTA Week	
	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

Berat Rukiqi
President of Kosovo* Chamber of Commerce

10:15-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-12:30

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)

Vjollca Çavolli, Executive Director (10')
Opportunities and challenges of the businesses

Digital communications agency “Rrota”
Donjeta Sahatçiu, CEO (10')
What needs to be done in the future?

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

