

**Connectivity Summit 2023
“Sustainable Links-Stronger Economy”
Draft Programme**

**15-16 May
Budva, Montenegro**

Time	Details	Location
Date: 15 May 2023		
11:00 – 13:30	Registration	Hotel Budva Main entrance
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Visibility event - <i>Opening ceremony of the joint rail border crossing station between Montenegro and Serbia in Bijelo Polje</i></p> <p>Speakers (statements for media):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Ervin Ibrahimovic, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for Capital Investments - H.E. Mr. Goran Vesic, Minister for Construction, Transport, and Infrastructure - High level representative from European Commission (TBC)/ - H.E. Ms. Oana-Cristina Popa, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro - Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat - Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat 	Bijelo Polje rail station
12:00 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch	Hotel Budva
13:30 – 18:00	Bilateral meetings	Hotel Budva Meeting rooms
13:30 – 18:00	Connectivity Summit Panel Sessions	Main Hall
13:30 – 13:35	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Mr. Armend Milla, State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Development and Tourism</p>	Main Hall
13:35 – 14:50	<p><u>Session I. IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AT BCPs/CCPs</u></p> <p>Panel 1. “Enhanced coordination and efficiency at BCP/CCP through digitalization”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Edna Karadza, SEED+ Project Manager, CEFTA Secretariat</p> <p>Mr. Jane Stankoski, Director, State Inspectorate for Agriculture Ms. Lidia Ababii, Deputy Director, Customs Service Mr. Flamur Kadriu, Director, Food and Veterinary Agency Mr. Andrea Lombardi, SEED+ Key Legal Expert, Customs and Monopolies Agency Mr. Milos Milovanovic, Food and Agriculture Organization (TBC)</p>	Main Hall

<p>14.50-16.00</p>	<p>Panel 2. “Transport and trade facilitation measures in support of increased mobility and connectivity” Moderator: DG TAXUD, European Commission</p> <p>Mr. Miro Dzakula, Director of Indirect Taxation Authority Mr. Branko Radujko, Director General, Customs Administration Mr. Vladimir Djakovic, Director of Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs Representative from the private sector Ms. Danijela Gacevic, CEFTA Secretariat Mr. Mate Gjorgjievski, TCT Secretariat</p>	
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>16:30 – 17:45</p>	<p><u>Session II. CROSS-BORDER CONNECTIVITY</u> Panel 1. “Sustainable transport connectivity” Moderator: Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat</p> <p>Mr. Richard Masa, Head of Sector, Western Balkans Investment Framework, European Commission (TBC) Mr. Donald Mishasxiu, Associate Director/Senior Banker, EBRD Mr. Alessandro Bragonzi, Head of regional representation for Western Balkans, EIB Ms. Tatjana Sterjova Duskovska, Secretary General, WB6 Chamber of Investment Forum Mr. Shomik Mehndiratta, Practise Manager for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat</p>	<p>Main Hall</p>
<p>19:30 – 21:00</p>	<p>Dinner/reception (for all participants)</p>	<p>Hotel Budva</p>
<p>Date: 16 May 2023</p>		
<p>09:00 – 09:30</p>	<p>Arrivals/registrations/press statements</p>	<p>Main Hall</p>
<p>09:30 – 10:00</p>	<p>Welcoming remarks Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat</p> <p>Opening speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Dritan Abazovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro (TBC) • H.E. Ms. Adina Valean, European Commissioner for Transport (TBC) 	
<p>10:00 – 10:30</p>	<p>Signature of the <i>High Level Understanding on indicative maps of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) in the Western Balkans</i> between EU and Transport Community contracting parties</p> <p>Family photo</p>	

10:30 – 11:50 **Plenary Session I - *Connectivity along the TEN-T Western Balkans -Eastern Mediterranean Corridor (southern part)***

Moderators: Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat and Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat

- H.E. Mr. Ervin Ibrahimovic, Deputy Prime Minister and Mr. Vladimir Bulajic, Director
- H.E. Ms. Belinda Balluku, Deputy Prime Minister (TBC) and Mr. Genti Gazheli, Director General
- H.E. Mr. Matteo Salvini, Deputy Prime Minister (TBC) and Mr. Roberto Alesse, Director General
- H.E. Mr. Liburn Aliu, Minister and Mr. Agron Llugaliu, Director General
- H.E. Mr. Blagoj Bocvarski, Minister and Ms. Slavica Kutirov, Director
- H.E. Giorgos Gerapetritis, Minister (TBC) and Mr. Konstantinos Mourtidis, Director General (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Hristo Aleksiev, Minister (TBC) and Mr. Pavel Gerenski, Director General (TBC)

11:50– 12:15

Coffee break

12:15 – 13:30

Plenary Session II - *Connectivity along the TEN-T Western Balkans -Eastern Mediterranean Corridor (northern part)*

Moderator: Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat and Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

- H.E. Mr. Edin Forto, Minister and Mr. Miro Dzakula, Director
- H.E. Mr. Goran Vesic, Minister and Mr. Branko Radujko, Director General (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Oleg Butkovic, Minister (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Laszlo Palkovics, Minister (TBC) and Mr. Ferenc Vagujhelyi, Commissioner (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Sorin Mihai Grindeanu, Minister and Mr. Lucian Ovidiu Heius, President (TBC)
- H.E. Ms. Alenka Bratusek, Minister (TBC)

- High level representative of the European Commission

Closing remarks, Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat and Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, CEFTA Secretariat

13:30 – 14:30

Working lunch – *Session on Solidarity Lanes and international transport and trade facilitation* –for all speakers of the Panel 1 and Panel 2

Hotel Budva restaurant

Moderator: Ms. Mona Bjorklund, DG MOVE, European Commission

- Mr. Ghenadie Marian, State Secretary
- Ms. Lidia Ababii, Deputy Director
- H.E. Mr. Guram Guramishvili, Minister (TBC)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Kubrakov, Minister (TBC)• Mr. Serhiy Zviagintsev, Director (TBC)	
13:30 – 14:30	Buffet Lunch – for all participants	Hotel Budva
14:30	Departure of Ministerial/Director’s delegations	
15:00 – 17:00	Meeting of the Transport Community’s Technical committee for transport facilitation	Hotel Budva
15:00 – 17:00	Meeting of the CEFTA Committee of Contact Points	Hotel Budva