



CEFTA Week 2013

Central European Free Trade Agreement

CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA 2013

AGENDA

Sarajevo, Hotel Bristol, Room Sarajevo I

SESSION I: Liberalisation of trade in services – engine for development in the region

09:30 – 12:30 hrs, 19 November 2013

Objective: The objective of the session will be to discuss the importance of starting negotiations for liberalising trade in services in the CEFTA region taking into account the high contribution of services to the economic growth and to identify the main barriers and challenging in defining the common starting point for all Parties. The results of the assessment of construction services in CEFTA will be presented.

Moderator: Mrs. Zada Muminović, Head of Unit for Trade Relations with European Integrations, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH

09:30 – 09:45 Process of liberalization trade in services within CEFTA 2006 Parties, importance for CEFTA Parties

Mr. Zorislav Zadrić, Senior Advisor, Unit for Multilateral Trade Relations, MoFTER BiH

09:45 – 10:00 **Impact and role of trade in services on external position and economy in BiH**

Mr. Amir Hadžiomerađić, Central Bank of BiH

10:00 – 10:30 **Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) assessment for construction services in CEFTA**

Mrs. Katarina Djermanovic-Largenton, Policy Analyst, OECD

Mr. Gabriel Boc, Policy Analyst, OECD

10:30 – 11:00 **Trade in services – Untapped growth potential for the Western Balkan region**

Mrs. Ivana Prica, EU Support to Trade Policy and Capacity Building in BiH

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30 Panel Contributions/Open Floor for Discussion
CEFTA Parties

Conclusions and Recommendations

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break