



CEFTA Week 2012
Schedule of Events

DAY**EVENT DESCRIPTION****Venue: Tirana, Hotel Sheraton**

Day 1-7 November, 2012

08.30-09.00

Registration of Participants

09.00-09.30

Welcome and Opening Address

Chair in Office, Albania

09.30-10.45

Session I: Facilitation of Trade in the Region - A New Framework

*Moderator: Deputy Minister,
Ministry of Foreign Trade and
Economic Relations, Bosnia and
Herzegovina*

- Trade Logistics in the Global Economy - Logistics Performance Index 2012
- The Value of Trading Faster and Cheaper - Trade Logistics Project in CEFTA
 - Analysing the current state of play of the region regarding the Performance Index prepared by the World Bank
 - Discussing possible recommendations to facilitate regional trade particularly through increasing the efficiency of the clearance process by border control agencies, improving the quality of trade and transport related infrastructure and raising the quality and competence of logistics services

Presentations

- World Bank
- IFC

Panel Discussion

- OECD
- Croatia
- SEETO
- CEFTA Chamber of Commerce

10.45-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.30

Session II: Liberalisation of Trade in Services - Boosting Regional Competitiveness

*Moderator, Director for Trade Policy,
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy,
Albania*

- Assessing the Restrictiveness of Trade in Professional Services (by using Services Trade Restrictiveness Index and Services Knowledge Platform)
- Benchmarking Performance and Export Opportunities in Selected Professional Services
 - Identifying Ways to Reduce the Restrictions and Regulatory Impediments that Constrain the Potential to Increase Trade
 - Contribution of Services in Trade Liberalisation to the Enhanced Competitiveness of the Region

Presentations

- OECD
- World Bank

Panel Discussion

- Association of Architects/Engineers, Serbia
- International Trade and Services Policy Expert
- CEFTA Chamber of Commerce

12.30-14.00

Lunch Break

14.00-15.15

Session III: South East Europe (SEE) Strategy 2020 - Path to Greater Coherence in Regional Economic Development

Moderator, RCC

- Development of the SEE 2020 Strategy and Joint Regional Headline Targets under the Auspices of RCC/SEEIC: Description of strategy elements, main features, as well as the development process and future outlook
- Implementation and Monitoring of the SEE 2020 Strategy: Measures for attainment of the SEE 2020 targets and respective monitoring process

Presentations

- Chair of SEE Strategy 2020 Task Force (Albania)
- OECD Investment Compact for SEE

Panel Discussion

- SEE 2020 and Europe 2020: Outlook on the further EU integration of the SEE countries and importance of the SEE 2020 Strategy within the process
 - Strategic Fit of SEE 2020 with Long-Term National Development Plans
- European Commission
 - CEFTA Parties
 - CEFTA Chamber of Commerce

15.15-15.30

Coffee Break

15.30-17.00

Session IV: Integration of CEFTA into a Wider Regional Economic Area - Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Moderator, RCC

- The Wider Regional Perspective - the Challenges and Potential of the CEFTA Region in Trade and Investment
- Integrating the region into a wider regional market through investment and trade by providing access for EU member states to markets for which the region has networks and contacts via Free Trade Agreements - e.g. Russia, Turkey
 - SWOT of the Region and plans for the future

Presentation

- CEFTA Academia

Panel Discussion

- Serbia
- European Commission
- Private Sector Expert
- CEFTA Chamber of Commerce

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Day 2 – 8 November, 2012

10.00-12.00 CEFTA Experts Meeting (closed meeting)
Preparation for the 6th Joint Committee Meeting

In parallel

09.30-10.30 Session V: Meeting of Investment Promotion Agencies

Moderator, RCC/SEEIC

- Regional Investment Promotion and Facilitation in the SEE - the Need, Scheme, Means and Application
 - *Setting mutual goals and ground rules*
 - *Meeting the challenges of harmonising competition with priorities, mobilising different resources and building a perception of the region as a sound investment destination*
 - *Outlook for future developments*
- European Experiences: Regional Cooperation in Investment Promotion in the Baltic Region
 - *Challenges and benefits of regional investment promotion*

Presentations

- RCC/SEEIC

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea
Regional/Baltmet
Promo/Baltic
Development Forum

Panel Discussion

- SEE Investment
Promotion Agencies

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

Afternoon CEFTA Joint Committee Meeting (closed meeting)

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Day 3 – 9 November, 2012

Morning

Ministerial Conference
(closed meeting)