

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 - Mr. Yngve Engstrom, Head of cooperation, 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>Session I. IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AT BCPs/CCPs</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 Food and Agriculture Organization/ DG SANTE (TBC) Representative from the private sector (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. Zlatko Vranjes, Head of Section, 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. Zsolt Toszegi, Programme Manager-Sustainable Transport, DG NEAR, European Commission Mr. Donald Mishaxhiu, Associate Director/Senior Banker, EBRD Mr. Kadir Bahcecik, Head of Unit, Enlargement Division, 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>08:30 – 09:00</p>	<p>Arrivals/registrations/press statements</p>	<p>Main Hall</p>
<p>09:00 – 09:30</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"> • Mr. Gert-Jan Koopman, Director-General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), European Commission • H. E. Mr. Ervin Ibrahimovic, Deputy Prime Minister 	
<p>09:30 – 10:00</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>	

10:00 – 11:20

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 Mr. Zlatko Veterovski, Director of the Department for International Cooperation
- H.E. Giorgos Gerapetritis, Minister (TBC) and Mr. Angelos Lymperis, Director of Division of Strategy for Customs Controls and Offences
- H.E. Mr. Nikolay Naydenov, Deputy Minister and Mr. Pavel Gerenski, Director General (TBC)

11:20– 11:45

Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00

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. Vladimir Dragicevic, Assistant Director
- H.E. Mr. Goran Vesic, Minister and Mr. Branko Radujko, Director General
- Mr. Lorant Boi, Deputy State Secretary
- H.E. Mr. Sorin Mihai Grindeanu, Minister and Mr. Lucian Ovidiu Heius, President (TBC)
- H.E. Ms. Alenka Bratusek, Minister (TBC)

- Ms. Mona Bjorkland, Director, Directorate-General Mobility and Transport (MOVE), European Commission

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

13:00 – 14:00

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: Mr. Matej Zakonjsek, Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat

- Ms. Mona Bjorklund, DG MOVE, European Commission
- Mr. Ghenadie Marian, State Secretary
- Ms. Lidia Ababii, Deputy Director
- Mr. Erekle Kezherashvili, Head of Transport Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Serhii Derkach, Deputy Minister• 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