



**DUBROVNIK FORUM 2016**

**„STRENGTHENING EUROPE: CONNECTING NORTH AND SOUTH“**

**DUBROVNIK, CROATIA  
25 - 26 AUGUST 2016**

**15:30 – 15:40**      **DUBROVNIK FORUM FAMILY PHOTO**  
**PRESIDENTS AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS “3SI”**

**15:40 – 15:55**      **OPENING STATEMENTS**

**H.E. KOLINDA GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ**

President of the Republic of Croatia

**H.E. ANDRZEJ DUDA**

President of the Republic of Poland

**15:55 – 16:15**      **DUBROVNIK FORUM: SETTING THE SCENE**

**General JAMES L. JONES, JR.**

President of Jones Group International

Former U.S. National Security Advisor to President Obama

**Mr. LIU HAIXING**

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, Secretary-General of the Secretariat for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries

**16:15 – 18:00**      **DUBROVNIK FORUM ROUNDTABLE:**  
**THE THREE SEAS INITIATIVE**

**Moderators:**

**H.E. ANDRZEJ DUDA**

President of the Republic of Poland

**H.E. KOLINDA GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ**

President of the Republic of Croatia

**Speakers:**

**H.E. JÁNOS ÁDER**

President of Hungary

**H.E. DALIA GRYBAUSKAITĖ**

President of the Republic of Lithuania

**H.E. BORUT PAHOR**

President of the Republic of Slovenia

**H.E. ROSEN PLEVNELIEV**

President of the Republic of Bulgaria

**Mr. DAN ŤOK**

Minister of Transport of the Czech Republic (Envoy of the President)

**Mr. PETER PELLEGRINI**

Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization of the Slovak Republic

**H.E. LAZĂR COMĂNESCU**

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

**Dr. MICHAEL LINHART**

Secretary-General of the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria

**Mr. VÄINO REINART**

Undersecretary for Economic and Development Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

*The discussion should be focused on the political platform of the Initiative. The Presidents should emphasize the necessity of cooperation and further development of the framework that will support future projects, especially in the field of energy, transport and telecommunications. They should also emphasize the importance of linking and integrating the EU's/Central Europe's North and South. The importance of the basic pillars (energy, transport, and telecommunications of the corridor) was already stressed during the High Level Preparatory Meeting which was held in New York on 29 September 2015 on the margins of the 70th General Assembly of the United Nations. Therefore, the Presidential Roundtable should be used as a further concretization of the adopted general conclusions during the Preparatory meeting.*

09:00 – 10:45

**PANEL: “GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES”**

**Moderator:**

**H.E. MIRO KOVAČ**

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia

**Panellists:**

**Mr. ANDREJ PLENKOVIĆ**

Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

**H.E. IGOR CRNADAK**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**H.E. ENVER HOXHAIJ**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kosovo

**H.E. PÉTER SZIJJÁRTÓ**

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

**Dr. MICHAEL LINHART**

Secretary-General of the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

**Mr. DIMITRIOS MARDAS**

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

**Mr. HOYT BRIAN YEE**

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, USA

**Mr. AHMED YILDIZ**

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Turkey

**General JAMES L. JONES, JR.**

President of Jones Group International

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*The Panel “Geopolitical Challenges” will bring together Foreign Ministers and partners of the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea Initiative. There is no doubt that cooperation in Europe (North and South) needs to be strengthened. This cooperation is key for the successful development of a wider EU. In this panel, we will discuss new opportunities and challenges. Accordingly, we should keep sight of the bigger global picture. Global problems require global responses. In this context due to its geopolitical position, Southern and Eastern Europe have always been particularly exposed to major shifts and rifts. Therefore, during our talks, we will try to explore options that could be taken, with an aim to further develop interregional capabilities and how to strengthen partnerships within our wider political surroundings.*

10:45 – 11:00

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**MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

*The two following panels (“Strengthening EU Energy Security” and “Getting Together for Business Opportunities”) are taking place simultaneously.*

**11:00 – 13:00**

**PANEL: “STRENGTHENING EU ENERGY SECURITY”**

**Introduction:**

**Mr. TOMISLAV PANENIĆ**

Minister of Economy, Croatia

**Ms. GEORGETTE LALIS**

Principle Advisor to the European Commission’s Director-General for Energy

**TOPIC 1: ENERGY SECURITY IN THE ADRIATIC – BALTIC – BLACK SEA AREA**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. DAVID KORANYI**

Director of the Eurasian Energy Futures Initiative, Atlantic Council

**Panellists:**

**Mr. OCTAVIAN CALMÂC**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Moldova

**Mr. DAMIAN GJIKNURI**

Minister of Energy and Industry, Albania

**Mr. MICHAŁ KURTYKA**

Deputy Minister of Energy, Poland

**Mr. ALEKSANDRAS SPRUOGIS**

Vice – Minister of Energy, Lithuania

**Mr. ALBERT G. NAHAS**

Vice President of Cheniere Energy

**TOPIC 2: BENEFITS OF REGIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. MARCIN BODIO**

CEO of Central Europe Energy Partners

**Panellists:**

**Mr. MIRKO ŠAROVIĆ**

Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations

**Mr. DRITON KUCI**

Minister of Economy

**Mr. VLADIMIR KAVARIĆ**

Minister of Economy

**Mr. ANTHONY MARINO**

President and CEO of Vermilion Energy

**Mr. MURAD HEYDAROV**

CEO of State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic – SOCAR Balkans, Advisor to the President of SOCAR

**TOPIC 3: CONNECTING NORTH AND SOUTH: ROLE OF LNG TERMINALS**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. PÉTER KADERJÁK**

Director of the Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest

**Panellists:**

**Mr. ZDESLAV MATIĆ**

Assistant Minister for Energy, Croatia

**Mr. TADAS MATULIONIS**

Director of LNG Department of LNG Klaipeda, Lithuania

**Mr. TOMASZ STĘPIEŃ**

President of the Management Board of the Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Polskie LNG

**Mr. RONALD L. NORD**

Senior Adviser Business Development, Höegh LNG

**Mr. KENNETH GUTTORMSEN**

Business Development Manager, Höegh LNG

**12:45 – 13:00**

**SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - IAP**

*Ministers of Albania, Montenegro, Croatia and Energy Company SOCAR.*

**13:00**

**MEDIA STATEMENTS**

*Ministers only.*

*Energy security became high priority on the agenda of all national governments. Today it is the foundation for economic growth and further development. It is also a first-rate political issue. Energy remains a key priority area also for Croatia. Considering Croatia's strategic location in Europe and proximity to major European markets, we take on the responsibility to be a strong and important link in the integration of the region into a single European energy market. Through the Initiative Adriatic – Baltic – Black Sea, countries on the road have a strategic and remarkable opportunity to enhance their cooperation in the political, economic, energy, infrastructure and security field. In that context, Croatia is developing two regional energy projects – LNG terminal Krk and Ionian-Adriatic Pipeline (IAP) that will greatly contribute to the diversification of energy supply in Central and Southeastern Europe. Both projects are developing in the framework of regional energy initiative ABC (Adriatic – Baltic – Black Sea) and CESEC – High Level Group on Central and South Eastern Europe. Ministry of Economy is organizing the panel entitled “Strengthening EU Energy Security”, in the framework of Dubrovnik Forum 2016.*

11:00 – 12:20

**PANEL: “GETTING TOGETHER FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES”**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. ŽELIMIR KRAMARIĆ**

Vice-President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, Croatia

**Introduction:**

**Mr. LUKA BURILLOVIĆ**

President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, Croatia

**Panellists:**

**Mr. LUKA BURILLOVIĆ**

President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, Croatia

**Mr. MAREK KLOCZKO**

Vice President-Director General of the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Poland

**Mr. SAMO HRIBAR MILIČ**

General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, Slovenia

**Dr. RICHARD SCHENZ**

Vice President of the Austrian Chamber of Economy, Austria

**Mr. VASIL TODOROV**

Secretary-General of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bulgaria

**Mr. DRAGUTIN RANOGAJEC**

President of the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts, Croatia

**Ms. EFKA HEDER**

Director of the South East European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECCEL)

*Topics to be covered:*

- *Chambers of the Baltic-Adriatic-Black Sea region as a link between national economies*
- *Digital Agenda – the benefits of a digital single market for economy*
- *Cooperation on joint regional projects – possibilities and opportunities*
- *Education and its impact on the economy – dual education system and entrepreneurial learning*

*Region Baltic-Adriatic-Black Sea through the natural geographical and traditional economic and political connections provides a wide range of opportunities for implementation of a number of projects aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of national economies in accordance with the policies of the European Union.*

*Having in mind the interests of the national economies in the BABS region and the opportunities for cooperation in the frame of this platform, it is necessary to develop stronger connections between business communities in all BABS Initiative member countries through cooperation on projects of common interest with the focus on infrastructure, energy, digital agenda, dual educational system and entrepreneurial learning, innovation, research and development and consequently strengthening the competitiveness of micro and small and medium-sized enterprises.*

12:10- 12:20

**SIGNING OF THE CHAMBERS' JOINT STATEMENT**

*The two following panels (“Connecting Three Seas” and “Angel Investments – Supporting Start-up community in three seas area”) are taking place simultaneously.*

12:40 – 14:00

**PANEL: “CONNECTING THREE SEAS”**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. BOŽO PETROV**

Deputy Prime Minister, Croatia

**Introduction:**

**Mr. OLEG BUTKOVIĆ**

Minister of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, Croatia

**Mr. ANDRZEJ ADAMCZYK**

Minister for Infrastructure and Construction, Poland

**Mr. PETER SORIN BUȘE**

Minister of Transport, Romania

**Panellists:**

**Mr. TOMISLAV TOLUŠIĆ**

Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia

**Mr. PAWEŁ BRZEZICKI**

Undersecretary of State in the Ministry for Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Poland

**Mr. DAN ŤOK**

Minister of Transport, Czech Republic

**Mr. PETER SORIN BUȘE**

Minister of Transport, Romania

**Mr. ALDIS MALDUPS**

Director of Transit Policy Department in the Ministry of Transport, Latvia

**Mr. VEDRAN DEVČIĆ**

President of Management Board of the Port of Rijeka j.s.c., Croatia

*One of the foundations of the EU is free movement of goods, services, people and capital. Transport infrastructure has a crucial role in enhancing the free movement principle which represents one of the four EU fundamental freedoms. The panel will focus on ports as meeting points of all other modes of transport, and it will give us an opportunity to discuss the challenges posed by connecting Adriatic, Baltic and Black Sea ports. Issues that we will touch upon include the best way to interconnect the mentioned ports, possible influence of projects interconnecting them on raising the competitiveness of the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea area, but also on timely realization of the European Commission's White Paper on transport goals and targets.*

*White Paper 2011: ‘Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system’ sets ambitious goals for the European transport system in terms of its sustainability, efficiency and performance. The greatest challenge in achieving those goals across the entire Single European Transport Area will be in bringing still developing national and regional transport*



*systems at the same level as those that are already highly developed. This is why we are interested in discussing how collaboration through the informal cooperation framework of the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea Initiative could help coordinate efforts to bridge the gap and contribute to creating truly functioning sustainable and efficient Trans-European Transport Network.*

*In this we would like to build upon fruitful discussions held within the framework of this year's TEN-T days in Rotterdam. We will also touch upon the best ways of financing the projects.*

**12:40 – 14:00**

**PANEL: “ANGEL INVESTMENTS – SUPPORTING START-UP COMMUNITY IN THREE SEAS AREA”**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. DAVORIN ŠTETNER**

President of the Croatian Business Angels Network (CRANE)

**Introduction:**

**Ms. CANDACE JOHNSON**

President of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN)

**Panellists:**

**Mr. ANTAL KAROLYI**

President of Hungarian Business Angels

**Mr. BRANKO DROBNAK**

President of Slovenian Business Angels

**Mr. NIKOLAI MAVROMATIS**

President of Bulgarian Business Angels

**Ms. SELMA PRODANOVIĆ**

Vice president of Austrian Business Angels

**Ms. CANDACE JOHNSON**

President of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN), President of Sofia Business Angels

*Start-up ecosystem is hot topic in the world. Last year over 8.3 billion EUR was invested in European start-ups by Business Angels. What we can do to boost investments and encourage more business angel investors to invest? We will try to collect the answers to this question from leading Presidents of the European Business Angels Networks. How are things developing in the Adriatic-Baltic-Black Sea area and which steps are planned to support this kind of investments?*