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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Burgas Business Forum

# Strengthening Bulgaria-Türkiye-Romania Economic Ties

Date: 14 March 2025 | 09:15 am EET Venue: International Congress Centre, Burgas

09:15 – 10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

## **10:00 – 10:30** Welcome addresses by representatives from:

**Moderator:** *Boyko Takov*, *Ph.D., Executive Director of the Bulgarian SME Promotion Agency* 

- **Mr. Tomislav Donchev**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Innovation and Growth
- Bulgarian, Turkish & Romanian officials (Ministers, Ambassadors, etc.)
- **H.E. Mr. Mehmet Sait Uyanik**, *Ambassador of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary* of the Republic of Türkiye to the Republic of Bulgaria
- **H.E. MS. Brândușa-Ioana Predescu,** *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the Republic of Bulgaria*
- Mr. Dimitar Nikolov, Mayor of Burgas
- Mr. Fikret Ince, Honourary Chairman and Founder of Bultişad
- Atty. Victor Gugushev, Chairman of the Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce (BRCC)
- Mr. Zeki Saribekir, DEIK Bulgaria Council Chairman

## 10:30 – 11:00 New Horizons for Bulgaria- Türkiye-Romania economic relations

**Keynote Speeches with Moderation:** "Bulgaria's Schengen Accession: New Horizons for Bulgaria-Türkiye-Romania Economic Relations" Investment Incentives by Invest Bulgaria Financial opportunities for companies, featuring presentations by:

- Ms. Mila Nenova, Executive Director, Invest Bulgaria Agency
- Mrs. Kubra Orakcioglu Kazan, Outbound Investments Business Council President

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• **Mr. Alim Kucukpehlivan** - Chairman at Başarsoft and TOBB Turkey Software Assembly Software Export Committee

## 11:00 – 11:45 E-commerce & Logistics Discussion Panel

# Logistic and e-commerce collaboration area in the Black Sea region E-commerce Cross-border E-commerce

- Mr. Nikola Ilchev, Founder of Balkan e-Commerce Summit
- Mr. Daniel Torbatu, Paysera Romania
- Mr. Razvan Blanita, Marketplace Director eMAG Bulgaria

### Logistics

- Mr. Boris Balev, CEO of Burgas Port Ro-Ro opportunities
- Bulgaria & Romania, the Smart Entry Point for Efficient EU Logistics from Türkiye", Mrs. Milena Ramcheva, Executive Director at Metrica Ltd.
- Mr. Mahmut Sahin, General Secretary, Trakia Development Agency (TBC)

## Success stories and good practices from the Three Country Region

## 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch Break and Networking

## 12:45 – 13:45 Black Sea Economic Cooperation Discussion Panel

## Working together towards peace, stability, and prosperity in the wider Black Sea area

- Mr. Dimitrios Rallis, Ambassador, Deputy Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS
- Mr. Murat Şükrü Soykan, Acting Head of EU & International Relations Department,

KOSGEB – TBC

• Dr. Serhat Köksal, President of Black Sea Trade and Development Bank TBC Guest lecturers TBC

## 13:45 – 14:45 Investment and Business Opportunities Discussion Panel Future opportunities and perspectives between Bulgaria-Türkiye–Romania in the business and investment sector

## **Moderator: TBC**

- Mr. Ali Arda Alici, Commercial Attaché at the General Consulate of Turkey in Burgas TBC
- **Mr. Ivaylo Marinov**, Commercial and Economic Counsellor at the Embassy of Bulgaria in Romania TBC

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- **Mr. Radu Călin Moldovan**, Minister Counsellor, Economic and Commercial Promotion Office at the Embassy of Romania in Sofia TBC
- **Mr. Stefan Sofroniev**, *Commercial, and Economic Counsellor at the Embassy of Bulgaria in Istanbul*

## 14:45 - 15:45 #BreakingGrounds Panel

### Scaling SEE innovative business on Europe's largest tech events

**Moderator: Mr. Teodor Antonio Georgiev**, *Co-Founder & Head, Storytelling Studio & Originator, #BreakingGrounds* 

- Brief presentation of #BreakingGrounds, mission, value, achievements
- The Innovation Potential of the SEE Region: Strategic Partnerships for Business Growth
- The Role of Legal Services in Scaling Successful Businesses
- Bulgaria, a Dynamic Innovation Hub: Challenges and Opportunities
- 13:30 16:30 B2B Matchmaking Event
- 18:30 20:30 Closing Remarks with Gala Dinner