



The Government of the Republic of Srpska

*The Government of the Republic of Srpska, Union of Employers' Associations
and Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Srpska
are organizing a Conference on*

Economy of the Republic of Srpska 2019-2022 – Dialogue for the Future

28 September 2018

Conference Hall, Republic of Srpska Government Building

The purpose of the Conference is to indicate the challenges faced by our economy and to propose potential solutions to overcome them in the future, by taking into account the experiences and suggestions to be presented by the participants in the event.

One of the tasks of the Conference is also to improve further the dialogue between the Government of the Republic of Srpska and business community, which was intensified last year through organization of a joint panel 'Deal for a More Successful Srpska', and continued this year through joint activities and a series of roundtables on drafting the guidelines for development of the economy of the Republic of Srpska.

Conclusions of the Conference should provide a good basis for drafting of the programme of economic reforms of the Republic of Srpska for the next year, and this type of communication between public institutions and business community should become standard practice.

Participants in the Conference include representatives of leading companies operating in the Republic of Srpska, sector ministries and other public institutions which shape the business ambiance, representatives of the academic community and nongovernmental sector, renowned experts in individual fields from the region, and representatives of local self-government units. Holding of this conference is supported by the President of the Republic of Srpska Milorad Dodik, Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska Željka Cvijanović and institutions representing business community.

Due to the limited capacity, please confirm your participation by 24 September 2018 at the latest, to the following address investsrpska@meoi.vladars.net. For more information, please contact us at telephone numbers 051/339-303 or 051/339-305.

A G E N D A

10:00 - 10:30 Opening addresses

Dragutin Škrebčić, President of the Union of Employers' Associations of the Republic of Srpska

Borko Đurić, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Srpska

Željka Cvijanović, Prime Minister of the Republic of Srpska

Milorad Dodik, President of the Republic of Srpska

10:30 - 10:45 Presentation of draft Guidelines for development of the economy of the Republic of Srpska

Saša Ačić, Director of the Union of Employers' Associations of the Republic of Srpska

Pero Ćorić, Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Srpska

10:45 Press statement

10:45- 12.15 Central panel: 'Global and internal challenges and potential solutions for improvement of the economy of the Republic of Srpska'

Moderator: Darko Lakić, Deloitte, Banja Luka

Keynote speaker: Branko Kecman, Director of Advantis Broker and President of the Business Club of Banja Luka

The presentation is focused on current trends in European economy, and includes a particular overview of challenges for the Western Balkans (workforce drain, education reform, local management capacities, etc.)

Panellists:

Dr Zoran Tegeltija, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Srpska

Marica Vidaković, Mira a.d Prijedor member of Kraš group

Violeta Jovanović, Director of NALED, Belgrade

Saša Trivić, Director of Krajina Klas Banja Luka

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the plenary part of the Conference.

12:15- 13:00 Coffee break

13:00 - 15:00 Roundtables (to run in parallel)

Roundtable I – Agriculture of the Republic of Srpska, structural changes for the future

Moderator: Dr Željko Vaško, professor at the Faculty of Agriculture Banja Luka and member of SWOT association of economists, Banja Luka

Panellists:

Dr Boris Pašalić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Government of the Republic of Srpska

Goran Mitrović, Director of MG Gold, Donji Žabar

Marko Vlajević, Director of Jelena, Kozarska Dubica

Representative of Carl Kuehne d.o.o., Kozarska Dubica

Mladen Đurđević, Director of Agrofruktus, Gradiška

Jugoslav Bjelić, Director, Ratkovo agricultural cooperative, Ribnik

Venue: Press Centre of the Government of the Republic of Srpska

Roundtable II – Tourism, a great development opportunity of the Republic of Srpska

Moderator: Dr Aleksandar Đurić, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Trade and Tourism of the Government of the Republic of Srpska

Panellists:

Dr Jovo Ateljević, Faculty of Economics Banja Luka

Aleksandar Pastir, president of the Rafting Club Kanjon

Mirjana Vasić, Director of Trio Lux Resort, Foča

Dennis van der Avoort, consultant

Venue: 1st floor, small hall

Roundtable III – Informatization of society for economic development

Moderator: Goran Drakulić, MSc, SWOT association of economists, Banja Luka

Panellists:

Zvonko Obradović, Director of Serbian Business Registers Agency

Saša Vojnović, Agency for Information Society of the Republic of Srpska

Bojan Vujić, Printer, Banja Luka

Venue: ground floor, next to conference hall

Roundtable IV – Processing industry under modern conditions (wood processing, textile, leather and footwear, metalworking, electric industry)

Moderator: Mr Sonja Tovilović, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining

Panellists: Darko Knežević, Dean, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering Banja Luka

Stevo Pucar, Faculty of Economics Banja Luka

Pero Ćorić, Secretary of the Association, Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Srpska

Zoran Lukić, Faculty of Economics, Banja Luka

Predrag Zorić, Director, Kolektor CCL, d.o.o. Laktaši

Venue: conference hall

15:00 - 16:00 Lunch