



CORE DAYS

Partnership for Competitive Region

16-18 October 2022 | DUBROVNIK

AGENDA

DAY 1 | SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER

14:00-18:00 Arrival to Valamar Lacroma Hotel / Registration

18:00-21:00 Cocktail reception

DAY 2 | MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER

09:00-09:30 Welcome coffee / Registration

09:30-10:30 Opening ceremony and BFC SEE Certificate award

Joint session » Elafiti central

Key note: Stjepan Mesić, former President of Croatia

Jelka Tepšić, Deputy Mayor of Dubrovnik, Croatia

Violeta Jovanović, Executive Director, NALED / BFC SEE Regional Secretariat

Peter Wolf, Sector Fund Manager, Open Regional Fund for South East Europe, GIZ

Franc Bogovič, Member of the European Parliament (video address)

Slavica Grkovska, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Good Governance, North Macedonia

Business Friendly Cities and Communities in SEE region

10:30-11:30

Panel 1 | Digital transformation: Better services for citizens and businesses

Joint session » Elafiti central

Panel host: Jelena Bojović, Program Development Strategist, NALED / Director C4IR, Serbia

Mihailo Jovanović, Director, Office for IT and eGovernment, Government of the Republic of Serbia

Denis Turkanović, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development, Government of Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Alban Zogaj, Deputy Mayor of Municipality of Pristina, Kosovo*

Jelena Janevska, Program Director, Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe

Marija Risteska, Executive Director, Centre for Research and Policy Making- CRPM, North Macedonia

11:30-12:00

Coffee break

12:00-13:00

Panel 2 | Promoting innovation and high-tech entrepreneurship

Parallel track » Elafiti side

Panel host: Ana Marija Sikirić Simčić, Assistant Professor, University of Rijeka

Keti Luarasi, Deputy Mayor of Tirana, Albania

Ariel Shaban, Chief Business Development, KIVO L.L.C, Kosovo*

Ionut Tata, Cluster for Innovation & Technology, Romania

Nenad Novović, CEO, Amplitudo, Montenegro

12:00-13:00

Panel 3 | How we did it: Business Friendly Cities

Parallel track » Business Center

Panel host: Dušan Vasiljević, Competitiveness and Investments Director, NALED, Serbia

Key note: Mlađan Dinkić, former Minister of Finance, Serbia

Zoran Adžić, Mayor of Gradiška, Bosnia and Herzegovina (video address)

Ivona Matošić Gašparović, Deputy Mayor of Crikvenica, Croatia

Marjan Junčaj, City Manager, Podgorica, Montenegro

Zagorka Panić, City Manager, Subotica, Serbia

13:00-14:30

Networking lunch

14:30-15:30

Panel 4 | Tax policies boosting investments

Parallel track » Business Center

Panel host: Meri Šuman Tolić, Assistant Professor, University of Dubrovnik, Croatia

Key note: Dejan Šoškić, former Governor of the National Bank of Serbia

Marija Šuković, Head of the Secretariat to the Competitiveness Council, Montenegro

Slobodanka Popović, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:30-15:30 **Panel 5 | How we did it: Going digital**

Parallel track » Elafiti side

Panel host: Amira Omanović, Deputy Sector Fund Manager, Open Regional Fund for South East Europe – Modernisation of Municipal Services, GIZ

Juliana Memaj, Mayor of Dimal, Albania

Erol Özgüner, Head of IT Department of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and B40 Network Smart Cities and Digital Transformation Working Group, Turkey (video address)

Aleksandar Mastilović, Digital Transformation and Smart Cities Consultant

Siniša Borota, Assistant Mayor, Sombor, Serbia

Goran Ješić, former Mayor of Indija, Serbia

15:45-16:15 **The Big Picture | Interview with Stjepan Mesić, former President of Croatia**

Joint session » Elafiti central

Session host: Goran Svilanović, former Secretary General of the RCC

DAY 3 | TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER

08:30-09:00 **Welcome coffee**

09:00-10:00 **Panel 6 | Innovative financing of local development in WB6**

Joint session » Elafiti central

Panel host: Senida Mesi, EU Commission High Level Expert in Sustainable Finance

Gilles Kittel, Team Leader, Competence Centre Macro-regions and European Territorial Cooperation - Transnational and Interregional Co-operation, DG REGIO, European Commission

Fokion Zaimis, Deputy Governor, Region of Western Greece

Zoran Janković, Mayor of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Aleksandar Simurdić, Director, European Affairs Fund of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Serbia

10:15-11:15 **Panel 7 | Ready for investments: Real Estate**

Parallel track » Business center

Panel host: Đorđe Vukotić, Legal and Policy Advisor, Serbia

Aleksandra Damjanović, State Secretary, Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Government of the Republic of Serbia

Borko Drašković, Director, Republic Geodetic Authority, Serbia

Dušica Perišić, Executive Director, Association of the Units of Local Self-Government (ZELS), North Macedonia

Adelina Farrici, Executive Director, Association for Local Autonomy, Albania

10:15-11:15

Panel 8 | How we did it: Going green on local level

Parallel track » Elafiti side

Panel host: Zorica Bilić, Country Coordinator Serbia, Open Regional Funds for South East Europe, GIZ

Dejan Rakić, Director, PUC Varvarin, Serbia

Džafer Dautbegović, Quality and Project Manager, Alba, Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina

11:15-11:45

Coffee Break

11:45-12:45

Panel 9 | Greening the economy

Joint session » Elafiti central

Panel host: Alban Hashani, Executive Director, Riinvest Institute, Kosovo*

Richard Maša, Head of Sector, Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), DG NEAR, European Commission

Vladislav Cvetković, Director, PWC

Sašo Matas, General Director, Public Procurement Directorate, Slovenian Ministry for Public Administration

Vesa Liço, Deputy Mayor of Elbasan, Albania

Daniel Berg, Chief of Party, Better Energy Project, USAID Serbia

Zoran Obradović, Managing Director, wpd Adria d.o.o. Dubrovnik

12:45-14:00

Farewell | Conclusion of CORE Days and lunch

Joint session » Elafiti central

Zorica Bilić, Country Coordinator Serbia, Open Regional Funds for South East Europe, GIZ

Violeta Jovanović, Executive Director, NALED / BFC SEE Regional Secretariat

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