

1st Eastern Partnership Investment Forum: 10 Years after Prague

July 10-11, 2019, Hilton Batumi, Georgia

Agenda

Wednesday 10 July 2019	18:30 – 20:30	Welcome Reception (WR)	WR EaP IF
	Hilton Batumi	The 1 st Eastern Partnership Investment Forum (EaP IF) Hosted by the Government of Autonomous Republic of Adjara	
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Thursday 11 July 2019	08:30 - 10:15	Opening Session (OS)	OS BIC EaP IF
	Sheraton Batumi	16 th Batumi International Conference Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia	
	By Special Invitation Only	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Zalkaliani / Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salome Zourabichvili / President of Georgia ▪ Mamuka Bakhtadze / Prime Minister of Georgia ▪ Archil Talakvadze / Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia <p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Donald Tusk / President of the European Council 	

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09:00 – 10:30 Welcoming Coffee and Networking

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10:30 – 13:00 Opening Session

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Ballroom

Opening Remarks

- Mamuka Bakhtadze / Prime Minister of Georgia
- Jüri Ratas / Prime Minister of Estonia

Panel Discussion:

Challenges and Opportunities for Investment in EaP Area - 10 Years After Prague

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2019 marks 10 years since the start of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Program by the EU. The main goal of the Eastern Partnership was to create the necessary conditions to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the European Union and interested partner countries. The EaP Program was aimed at supporting economic development and creating market opportunities; Improving the investment and business environment and unlocking Small and Medium-sized Enterprises' (SMEs) growth potential; Addressing gaps in access to finance and financial infrastructure; Creating new job opportunities at the local and regional level.

Panelists will discuss major results for each partner country and for the region as well as new opportunities for private investments.

Panelists:

- **Natela Turnava** / Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- **Stepan Kubiv** / First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine

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- **Iuliana Dragalin** / State Secretary of Economy and Infrastructure of Moldova
- **Avag Avanesyan** / Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia
- **Rufat Mammadov** / Deputy Minister of Economy of Azerbaijan
- **Dmitry Yaroshevich** / Deputy Minister of Economy of Belarus
- **Lawrence Meredith** / Director, Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, European Commission
- **Vazil Hudak** / Vice President of EIB
- **Pierre Heilbronn** / Vice President, Policy and Partnerships of EBRD

Moderator:

- **Mikheil Janelidze** / Chairman of the Center for European Governance & Economy - CEGE, Former Vice Prime Minister of Georgia

13:20 – 14:50 Lunch

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15:00 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions

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Hilton Batumi **Session I: Infrastructure and Energy**

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Improving transport links and infrastructure, boosting energy resilience through strengthening energy interconnections, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy are defined as a main priority for the EU's work with partner countries. At the same time, mobility and people-to-people contacts, has been set as another objective of the program, creating new opportunities for the real estate investors and development of tourism sector.

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Panelists will discuss how partner countries are benefiting from existing EU and national programs and what are the private sector opportunities in this regard.

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Panelists:

- **Akaki Saghirashvili** / Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- **Yuriy Lavrenyuk** / Deputy Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine
- **Heike Ruettgers** / Head of Institutional & Policy Affairs for EU Neighbouring Countries, EIB
- **David Managadze** / Associate Director, Senior Banker, Sustainable Infrastructure, EBRD
- **Karen Asatryan** / Director, Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund of Armenia
- **Allahverdi Pashayev** / Executive Director, Azerbaijan Investment Company – TBC
- **Dzianis Mialeshkin** / Deputy Director, National Agency of Investment and Privatization of Belarus
- **Rodica Verbeniuc** / Head, Investment Agency of Moldova

Moderator: **Mariam Valishvili** / Former Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia

15:00 – 17:30 Session II: Agriculture and Manufacturing

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The EU promotes the development of sustainable and inclusive agriculture and rural development policies in partner countries through programs like ENPARD. The External Investment Plan of the EU focuses on a number of priority investment areas, such as sustainable agriculture, rural entrepreneurs and agroindustry. The manufacturing sector of the partner countries is relatively small and employment is low, but the example of the central and eastern European members of the EU shows that the EU integration led to boost of manufacturing sector.

Panelist will discuss the strategies of the partner countries to share the success stories of central and eastern European countries, develop agriculture and manufacturing sector and attract the European FDI.

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- **Khatia Tsilosani** / Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
- **Tigran Gabrielyan** / Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia
- **Olena Kovalova** / Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- **Vasile Luca** / State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of Moldova
- **Nathalie Climence** / Head of Division Neighbouring Countries Department of EIB
- **Akaki Gelashvili** / Principal Banker, Manufacturing and Services, EBRD
- **Zohrab Gadirov**, Executive Director, Exporters Club of Azerbaijan
- **Natallia Drobyshevskaya** / Head of Department, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus

Moderator: **Irakli Matkava** / Executive Director, CECE. Former First Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development of Georgia

9:30 – 17:30 B2B and G2B Meetings

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20:00 – 22:00 Gala Dinner

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Place TBC

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