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INVITATION

To:

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) and Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria /MRDPW/ are very pleased to invite you to an event within Bulgaria's EU Council Presidency:

Balkan Engineering Forum

“Regional cooperation for sustainable and consolidated European perspective of engineering organizations in the Western Balkans”

21st May 2018, Sofia,

National Palace of Culture, hall 8

under the auspices

Minister of the Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council

Event within celebration of “2018 – European Year of Civil Engineers”

Event within 15th anniversary celebration of CEID/KIIP”

Balkan Engineering Forum (BEF) brings together leaders of European Engineering Councils and Engineers Chambers and Associations from Balkan countries to exchange good practices and concerns of their organizations, debate the engineering contribution to the so-called “Connectivity Agenda” and seek common interests in many areas, such as strengthening of regional cooperation, education, recognition of professional qualifications and transport, infrastructure and digital connectivity of Balkan countries.

EU-related reforms and connectivity of the Western Balkan countries, wishing to join the EU, are at the core of Bulgarian Presidency's work, The Bulgaria's EU Council Presidency attaches great importance to deepening regional cooperation and developing good neighborly relations.

We hope the Balkan Engineering Forum will strengthen the links between engineering organizations in the region and will be a step towards realization of the European integration process.



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Forum Objectives: to contribute to deepening regional cooperation and developing good neighborly relations between the engineering organizations of Balkan countries; to contribute to achieving the goals and tasks of the two priorities of Bulgaria's EU Council Presidency: "European perspective and connectivity of the Western Balkans" and "Digital economy and skills needed for the future"; to share experiences and best engineering practices and to contribute to raising the role of profession of engineer in Europe.

The Forum will be held in the format of a **panel discussion/podium discussion**, with short introductory presentations of the Panelists and then discussion among the Panelists and audience.

Panelists:

Aris CHATZIDAKIS, ECCE President Elect

Klaus THURRIEDL, ECEC Secretary General

Mile DIMITROVSKI, President of Chamber of authorized Architects and Engineers, FYR of Macedonia

Boris OSTOJIC, President of Chamber of Engineers of Montenegro

Dragoslav SUMARAC, Serbian Chambers of Engineers

Cemal GÖKÇE, President of Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers

Faruk KABA, President of Albanian Association of Consulting Engineers

Mirsad JASARSPAHIC, President of Chamber of Economy of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ivan KARALEEV, President of Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design, Bulgaria

Moderator: Dimitar NATCHEV, ECCE Vice President

Formal guests will be the Vice-President of the National Assembly of Bulgaria, the Ambassadors of the countries participating in the Forum, representatives of Bulgaria's EU Council Presidency, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Industrial Association.

Audience: about 70-80 engineers and architects from Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design, Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria, Union of architects in Bulgaria, Chamber of architects of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Construction Chamber, Bulgarian Institute for Standardization, Bulgarian Industrial Association

Main topics:

Civil engineers. The profession that gave shape to the modern world - a brief historic review and some current concerns.

Eng. Aris CHATZIDAKIS, ECCE President Elect



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Current European Developments

Dipl.-Ing. Klaus THURRIEDL, ECEC Secretary General

Mobility of Engineers across the EU. Mutual recognition of professional qualifications

Regulation of professions in the European Union and the state of play of the implementation of Article 59 of Directive 2005/36/EC

Simplification of the regulatory framework in support of businesses - legislative proposals of the “Services Package”

Future for regulated professions - the need for an effective regulatory framework in the EU

Regulations on engineering services at national level – Problems in Montenegro and Serbia (to be considered, please specify further)

Eng. Boris OSTOJIC, President of the Chamber of Engineers of Montenegro

State - Chamber of Engineers relationship, concerning practicing the engineering profession in Montenegro - problems.

Challenges facing the engineers in the investment design and construction

Dr. Eng. Ivan KARALEEV, President of Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design, Bulgaria

Engineering education and Continuing Professional Development (CPD);

Prof. Dr. Eng. Dragoslav SUMARAC, Serbian Chambers of Engineers

The importance of education, skills development and entrepreneurial training in order to ensure that professionals in the EU remain competitive and able to face the transformational changes that are affecting the

E-Building Permit and Electronic Signatures

Prof. Dr. Eng. Mile DIMITROVSKI, President of Chamber of authorized Architects and Engineers, FYR of Macedonia

Innovation and digitalization in professional engineering services - new opportunities for professionals but also challenges for the labor market and the quality of services;

Facilitating administrative procedures in the investment process ;

On-line submission of project documentation - new IT challenges –in terms of copyright protection to original designs, data privacy and security.

Digitalization of the construction industry: Building Information Modeling

Prof. Dr. Eng Vladimir BENKO, President of Slovak Chamber of Civil Engineers

Civil Engineering Services and Sustainability

Eng. Cemal GÖKÇE, President of Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers

Eng. Hüseyin KAYA, Secretary Member of the Board

Albanian Association of Consulting Engineers – Presentation

Dr. Eng. Faruk KABA, President of Albanian Association of Consulting Engineers

Engineering services in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dpl. Eng. Mirsad JASARPAHIC, President of Chamber of Economy of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Slight changes to the program may still occur*

Venue National Palace of Culture, Sofia



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Registration

For participation in the Forum You need to register online.

The registration and accreditation for all participants will be achieved through centralized accreditation system to the Bulgarian presidency.

Each participant will receive (on the declared by him e-mail address) an e-mail from a centralized accreditation system with a **link to login** and additional instructions for registration. It will be possible more than one person to be registered through one e-mail address.

IMPORTANT: Registration will be closed on 7th of May.

Be part of Balkan Engineering Forum and join the engineers from Balkan countries.

Yours sincerely,

eng. Dimitar Natchev

ECCE Vice President



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