



Government of the Republic of North Macedonia

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
YEAR OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES
JANUARY 30 – 31 2023

AGENDA

30.01.2023 (Monday)

- 09:00-09:45** Registration
- 10:00** Opening of the conference with introductory statement of the **President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, Dimitar Kovachevski**
- 10:15** Video presentation of government measures and events in 2022
- 10:20-10:30** Introduction to the conference with a statement of the **First Deputy of the President of the Government and Minister on Political System and Inter-Community Relations, Artan Grubi**
- 10:30** **Panel 1** “EU Integrations and Reform Processes”
- Speakers:**
Slavica Grkovska, Deputy President of the Government in charge of good-governance policies
Bojan Marichikj, Deputy President of the Government on European Affairs
Nikola Tupanchevski, Minister of Justice
Aleksandar Bajdevski, Deputy Minister of Information Society and Administration
Ami Larsson – Jain, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Republic of North Macedonia
- Moderator: Nenad Markovikj**, University professor
- 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:45** **Panel 2** “Capital and Infrastructural Projects for Better Quality of Life and Development of Culture in times of crisis”
- Speakers:**
Jeton Shaqiri, Minister of Education and Science
Bisera Kostadinovska Stojchevska, Minister of Culture
Blagoj Bochvarski, Minister of Transport and Communications
Naser Nuredini, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning
Ejup Rustemi, Director of Public Enterprise for State Roads
Prof. Goran Markovski, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Skopje
- Moderator: Sashka Brblikj**, Assistant Head of Sector for Sustainable Growth and Investments

12:45 | Coffee break

13:00 | **Panel 3** “Investments and Economic Growth in terms of crisis”

Speakers:

Fatmir Bytyqi, Deputy President of the Government in charge of economic affairs, coordination of economic sectors and investments

Kire Naumov, Director of Development Bank of North Macedonia

Taki Fiti, Academician, MASU

Branko Azeski, video address, Chamber of Commerce of North Macedonia
Ilija Gospodinov, MASIT

Moderator: Vancho Uzunov, University professor and Advisor in the Office of the President of the Government

14:00 | Coffee break

14:15 | **Panel 4** “Social and Health Policies in times of crisis”

Speakers:

Jovana Trenchevska, Minister of Labour and Social Policy

Bekim Sali, Minister of Health

Ana Daneva, PhD, Advisor in the Office of the President of the Government

Massimiliano Paolucci, Country Manager, World Bank

Rossana Dudziak, UN Resident Coordinator

Stanka Trajkova, President of Federation of Retirees’ Associations

Moderator: Prof. Natasha Stanojkovska Trajkovska, PhD, Vice Dean at the Faculty of Philosophy

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31.01.2023 (Tuesday)

- 09:00-09:45** | Registration
- 10:00** | **Panel 1** “North Macedonia – Green Energy Hub – how to turn crisis into opportunity”
- Speakers:**
Dimitar Kovachevski, President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia
Kreshnik Bekteshi, Minister of Economy
Vasko Kovachevski, Director General of ESM JSC
Marko Bislimovski, Director of Energy and Water Services Regulatory Commission
Prof. Anton Chaushevski, Advisor at the Office of the President of the Government
Kocho Angjushev, President of the Macedonian Energy Association
- Moderator: Mirche Jovanovski**, economic journalist
- 11:00** | Coffee break
- 11:15** | **Panel 2** “Foreign, Security and Defence Policy, challenges and opportunities for securing international cooperation and safety”
- Speakers:**
Bujar Osmani, Minister of Foreign Affairs (video address)
Slavjanka Petrovska, Minister of Defence
Oliver Spasovski, Minister of the Interior
Ismet Ramadani, President of the Euro-Atlantic Council of North Macedonia
Prof. Nikola Dujovski, PhD, Dean at the Faculty of Security
- Moderator: Ilija Djugumanov**, Secretary General of the Euro-Atlantic Council of North Macedonia
- 12:15** | Coffee break

12:30 **Panel 3** “Fiscal, Monetary and Tax Policies in times of crisis”

Speakers:

Fatmir Besimi, Minister of Finance

Anita Bezhovska, Governor of NBRNM

Sanja Lukarevska, Director of the Public Revenue Office

Abdulmenaf Bexheti, Academician, MACU

Gligor Bishev, Advisor at the Office of the President of the Government

Moderator: Borche Trenovski, University Professor

13:30 Coffee break

13:45 **Panel 4** “Equal Regional and Local Development and Benefits of the new system for agricultural subsidies”

Speakers:

Ljupcho Nikolovski, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy

Risto Penov, Minister of Local Self-Government

Xhemail Chupi, Minister without portfolio in charge of Diaspora

Lenche Nikolovska, expert on agricultural policies and rural development, director of consultant office “Agrotim”

Moderator: Nikica Bachovski, Director of the Agency for Financial Support in Agriculture and Rural Development

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