

# Budapest Economic Forum 2016 program

## Registration and coffee

### I. Section - Opening session - The EU and Hungary

The institutional system of the European Union is full of cracks and there is a face-off between Germany and the periphery economies over economic policy. The southern states are still suffering from the effects of the crisis, grappling with grave growth and debt problems, whereas mass migration and Brexit created new challenges. What is the optimal economic strategy for a European Union member state then?

**Moderator: István Madár**, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

**08:25 - 08:30 Opening speech - Zoltán Bán, CEO, Net Média Zrt.**

**08:30 - 09:00 Hungary's economic strategy in a changing EU**

Speaker:

**Nándor Csepreghy**, parlamenti államtitkár, miniszterhelyettes, Építési és Közlekedési Minisztérium

**09:00 - 09:15 Brexit: We will make a success of it**

Speaker:

**HE Iain Lindsay OBE**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Hungary, British Embassy Budapest

**09:15 - 09:20 Video Interview**

**Video Interview with Marianne Thyssen (Commissioner (2014-2019) Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission)**

**09:20 - 09:55 Bedlam in Brussels - Plans, Crises, Member States**

Speaker:

**László Andor**, Head of Department, BCE, former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of EU

### **09:55 - 10:30 Round table for central bank chairs**

Conversation participants:

**Péter Ákos Bod**, egyetemi tanára, az MTA doktora, Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem

**Ferenc Karvalits**, korábbi alelnök, Magyar Nemzeti Bank

**Barnabás Virág**, monetáris politikáért felelős ügyvezető igazgató, Magyar Nemzeti Bank

### **10:30 - 10:50 Coffee Break**

## **II. Section - Hungary in the region**

What is the view of regional experts on Hungary's situation? Capacity to attract capital, growth outlook, changes in the forint exchange rate. Snapshot on the Hungarian banking system currently being reshaped, outlook on lending.

### **10:50 - 11:10 MFB Points - EU Sources on 428 Points**

Speaker:

**Sándor Bertalan**, középállalati üzletág ügyvezető igazgató, Magyar Bankholding Zrt.

### **11:10 - 11:40 Roundtable of analysts: The global economic environment of Hungary**

Conversation participants:

**Zsolt Darvas**, Senior Fellow, Bruegel Institute

**Péter Duronelly CFA**, Senior Portfolio Manager, Aegon Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zrt.

**János Samu**, vezérigazgató-helyettes, Concorde Értékpapír

### **11:40 - 12:35 Bank executives about the Hungarian economy**

Moderator: **Zoltán Bán**, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Csoport)

Conversation participants:

**László Bencsik**, Deputy-CEO, OTP Bank

**Ádám Dr. Balog**, elnökségi tag, MKIK

**Radován Jelascity**, Chairman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, CEO, Hungarian Banking Association, Erste Bank Hungary

**Heinz Wiedner**, former CEO, Raiffeisen Bank

**György Zolnai**, vezérigazgató, Raiffeisen Bank

### **12:35 - 13:40 Lunchbreak**

### **III. Section - Labour shortage and other challenges**

#### **- Corporate environment in Hungary**

Hungary's economic growth slowed down substantially this year. The country's growth hinges on EU funding and private investments are also ailing. A hope of recovery in the medium term lies again in automotive industry investments, whereas the shortage of labour seems to be an increasingly serious issue. What could the stimulus package promised for the autumn contain?

#### **13:40 - 14:00 Labour market incentives and the stock exchange**

Speaker:

**Richárd Végh**, vezérigazgató, Budapesti Értéktőzsde

#### **14:00 - 14:40 Corporate executive roundtable**

Moderator: **Zoltán Bán**, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Csoport)

Conversation participants:

**Péter Lakatos**, Co-CEO, Videoton

**Csaba Mészáros**, Chairman - Owner, evopro Holding Zrt.

**Sándor Scheer**, vezérigazgató, Market Építő Zrt.

#### **14:40 - 15:20 Panel discussion of economic experts**

Moderator: **Attila Weinhardt**, Analyst, Portfolio

Conversation participants:

**Attila Chikán**, Economist, Corvinus University of Budapest, Competitiveness Research Centre

**Alain Nadeau**, Head of Office, European Investment Bank Group

**Zoltán Urbán**, CEO, Eximbank

**Barnabás Virág**, monetáris politikáért felelős ügyvezető igazgató, Magyar Nemzeti Bank

#### **15:20 - 16:00 Panel discussion: What makes a company competitive in Hungary today?**

Moderator: **Csanád Csürös**, CEO, Property Forum

Conversation participants:

**Zsuzsa Beke**, Head of Communication and Public Affairs, Richter Gedeon Nyrt.

**Tamás Fehér**, Managing Director, Trenkwalder

**Péter Felfalusi**, vezérigazgató, Intrum Justitia Zrt.

**Gábor Székely**, vezérigazgató, Appenin Holding Nyrt.

#### **16:00 - 16:05 Closing remarks**

**16:05 - 17:30 Reception**