

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, Appeninn Holding Nyrt.

16:00 - 16:05 Closing remarks

16:05 - 17:30 Reception