

## AGENDA

### Conference of IT Businesses and Associations from SEE

#### 5<sup>th</sup> SEEITA Conference

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September 27, 2007

Aleksandar Palace Hotel

Skopje, Macedonia



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27. Sept. 2007	THURSDAY
	<b>LOCATION: Aleksandar Palace Hotel Skopje</b>
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome from MASIT – Mr. Petar Indovski, MASIT Board Member</li></ul> <b>VIP Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Nikola Gruevski, The Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, (expecting confirmation)</li><li>- Ms. Gillian Milovanovich, US Ambassador to Macedonia</li><li>- Mr. Ivo Ivanovski, Minister responsible for Information Society</li><li>- Mr. Stephen Eastham, Director, Regional Competitiveness Initiative, USAID / Washington</li></ul>

<b>09:30 – 10:10</b>	<b>Keynote Speakers</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Mozur, Deputy Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South East Europe, "Promoting eGovernance and ICT Sector Development in SEE"</li> </ul>
10:10 – 10:40	Coffee Break, Networking
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>IT Workforce Challenges and Opportunities for SEE, Moderator Brano Vujcic, BAIT – Association for IT in BiH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Lampesis, USAID / Macedonia</li> <li>Darko Velkov, Employment.com, Macedonia</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>End User Research in ICT (Research, Development &amp; Deployment)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick Rouselle, The Strategic Counsel</li> </ul>
<b>11:20 – 12:00</b>	<b>IT Investments in SEE, Moderator – Petar Janjic, Indjija Municipality, Serbia (confirmed)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pavel Ezekiev, Partner, New Europe Venture Equity L.P. (NEVEQ), <a href="http://www.neveq.com">www.neveq.com</a></li> <li>Myladie Stoumbou, Business Development Manager, VELTI, <a href="http://www.velti.com">www.velti.com</a>, IT Company with offices in Boston, New York, London, Athens and Bulgaria. Listed on the London Stock Exchange</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Opening New Markets for Small Innovative Firms, Moderator – Boris Krstanovic, Rijeka ICT Cluster, Croatia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gérard Bonnes, EOS Coordinator, Introducing the EurOffice Services Network, <a href="http://www.eurooffice-services.eu/">http://www.eurooffice-services.eu/</a></li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Parallel Breakout Working Groups, Session 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"<u>Global Opportunities for Innovations, Networking and Investment Attraction: The Role of Innovation Centers, Incubators and Technology Parks,</u>" led by EOS Network and Tomislav Bronzin, RCI Technology Center Expert and participants from Innovation Centers, Incubators, IT associations, clusters, etc.</li> <li>"<u>Regional IT Workforce Issues and Opportunities for SEE</u>" - led by Peter Lampesis, USAID / Macedonia with participants from USAID Missions, Projects and other donors.</li> <li>"<u>Quality Assurance for National and International Projects</u>" (detailed seminar on step for process improvement and certification for ITMark / CMMI), led by ESI – Bulgaria and MASIT / Macedonia. <i>This will be an introductory workshop to ITMark and CMMI only for interested IT companies and Business Support Organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.</i></li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break, Networking
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Parallel Breakout Working Groups, Session 2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"<u>Regional IT Cooperation: Regional Memorandum of Understanding, issues and opportunities, next steps in the regional cooperation,</u>" presentations and discussion by MASIT, BASSCOM, ICT Clusters from Croatia and Bulgaria, BAIT, ARIES and others.</li> <li>"<u>Regional IT Cooperation: Issues and opportunities for USAID Missions and Projects from SEE,</u>" discussion lead by Steve Eastham, RCI Director, USAID / Washington, with representatives of USAID regional missions and Projects.</li> <li>"<u>Networking and B2B Opportunities for IT Companies</u>"</li> </ul>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Conclusions, Recommendations and Next Steps (from all breakout sessions)</b>
<b>19:00 –</b>	<b>Closing Regional Networking - Reception</b>