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**ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN
SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE**

**October 5-6, 2006,
Washington, DC**

Dear colleagues:

We are pleased to invite you to our two-day conference on **Economic Cooperation and Investment Opportunities in Southeast Europe**. The objective is to help accelerate the pace of public and private sector efforts toward regional cooperation and economic development. The New European Democracies Project at CSIS is partnering with the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the Southeastern European Development Foundation (SEED) to assemble a prominent group of policy-makers, experts, and business leaders from the U.S., the EU, and the region. The event will take place on **October 5-6, 2006** in the B1 Conference Level of CSIS. Please refer to the attached draft agenda for more details.

The period of stabilization is drawing to a close and the states of Southeastern Europe face new challenges of economic reconstruction and regional cooperation. During the next decade, these issues will require a more comprehensive long-term strategy for attracting investment, developing private enterprise, generating employment, and improving living standards. Most present policy instruments applied by international institutions remain premised on the concepts of foreign aid and post-conflict reconstruction. They have been successful in subduing state violence and ethnic tension, but are inadequate in addressing the roots of social instability and economic disparity. The aim of the conference will be to generate specific recommendations for public and private players to facilitate EU integration, economic cooperation, and business development in Southeast Europe.

We very much hope that you can join us for this timely event and look forward to your response. Please indicate your availability by phone (202) 775 3262 or email mstaneva@csis.org. Thanking you in advance

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bugajski'.

Janusz Bugajski
Director, New European Democracies Project



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Conference Agenda
**ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN
SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE**

October 5-6, 2006

October 5, 2006

8.30-9.00am

Conference Registration

9.00-9.30am

Introductions

Janusz Bugajski - CSIS

Erhard Busek – Stability Pact

9.30-10.45am

Panel 1: Political and Legal Framework

Discussion Leader: Angelos Pangratis, *Delegation of the European Commission*

Panelists: William Hall Spencer IV, *Director, Washington Office, Public International Law & Policy Group*

Donald Pressley, Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton

Christopher Hoh, Director, Office of South Central Europe, U.S. Department of State

William Hall Spencer IV, Public International Law and Policy Group

10.45-12.00pm

Panel 2: Infrastructure Development

Discussion Leader: Robert Ichord, *Chief, Energy and Infrastructure Division, USAID*

Ad Toet, Community of European Railways and Infrastructure Companies

John Maguire, Solventa LLP

12.00-12.30pm

Lunch

12.30-1.00pm

Nancy Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe, U.S. Department of Treasury

1.00-2.15pm

Keynote Presentations by S.E. European Government Officials

Adnan Terzic, Prime Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Theodoros Skylakakis, Secretary General for International Economic Relations, Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Andrijana Starina Kosem, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of Slovenia

Lutfi Haziri, Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo

Predrag Boskovic, Minister of Economy of Montenegro

Jasna Matic, Head of the Serbian Investment and Export Promotion Agency



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2:15- 3.30pm

Panel 3: Trade Barriers and Opportunities

Discussion Leader: John S. Wilson, *World Bank**

Panelists: Igor Gradjevic, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro*

Iren Borissova, *Trade Advisor, Delegation of the European Commission*

Ana Trbovic, *Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration (FEFA), University of Singidunum, Belgrade, Serbia*

3:30- 5.00pm

Panel 4: Business Environment and Investment Promotion

Discussion Leader: James Myers, *Director, Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology*

Dimitri Demekas, *Chief Southeastern Division, IMF*

Anthony O'Sullivan, *Director, OECD Investment Compact*

Scott Salmon, *U.S. Steel*

Eric Rohtla, *AIG*

5.00-5.30pm

Tasking the Task Groups

October 6, 2006

9:00-10.00am

Banking and Financial Sector reform in Southeast Europe

10:00am-12.00pm

Task Group Sessions

12.00-1.00pm

Lunchtime Keynote Presentation

Reinhard Priebe, *Director Western Balkans, European Commission*

1.00-2.00pm

Presentation of Task Group Recommendations

2.00pm

Concluding Remarks



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RESPONSE FORM

Date: 5-6 October 2006
Time: 8:30 am - 5 pm
Location: CSIS, 1800 K Street, NW
Washington, DC

Name _____

Yes, I plan to attend.

Title _____

No, I do not plan to attend.

Affiliation _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please identify all portions of the agenda that you plan to attend

DAY 1, October 5, 2006

- Introductory remarks
- Panel 1
- Panel 2
- Lunch Panel with regional officials
- Panel 3
- Panel 4

DAY 2, October 6, 2006

- Session on **Banking and Financial Sector Reform**
- I will attend Taskgroup deliberations on
 - Legal reform and EU accession
 - Infrastructure
 - Trade
 - Business Promotion and Investment Opportunities

*Please RSVP to New European Democracies Project
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