

THE FOURTH
**CEI SUMMIT
 ECONOMIC FORUM**

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Business community, private sector initiatives, government support, regional cooperation, local systems, transport infrastructure, financial institutions, technology, European and international organisations, women entrepreneurs, youth,....

working together on project opportunities

for shared socio-economic growth in CEI countries



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For the fourth year running, the Central European Initiative (CEI) is opening its doors to the business and financial community, focusing on the needs of the entrepreneur investing in Central and Eastern Europe or providing goods and services for these investment activities. The Forum is attended by industry leaders, investment analysts, consultants, bankers and fund managers, local and central government (Euro-regions, government officials with Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Economy of CEI member countries), transport agencies, national and international organisations (EU, EBRD, EIB, WB, OECD, UN/ECE, Stability Pact, etc.), Chambers of Commerce, Investment Promotion Agencies, ... 1200 participants are expected.

If you seek the route to economic success, come and join other investment pathfinders at CEI Summit Economic Forum 2001 this November in Trieste. Meet high level investment contacts, create financial and trading partnerships, promote your company and projects, assess investment conditions, problems and incentives of CEI Countries.

Over the past four years, the Forum has created a network of information and personal contacts where project opportunities can be identified, promoted and strengthened through cooperation arrangements.

CEI MEMBER STATES

All 17 CEI Members States will have an information stand: Albania - Austria - Belarus - Bosnia & Herzegovina - Bulgaria - Croatia - Czech Republic - Hungary - Italy - Macedonia - Moldova - Poland - Romania - Slovak Republic - Slovenia - Ukraine - Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

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Registration per delegate is USD 350, or USD 250 for members of the Forum network, e.g. past Forum participants (USD 100 for life-time membership). Large discount for early bookings and for delegations of NGOs, associations, etc. Stands and "display tables" can be rented by sponsors and delegations.

FORUM ACTIVITIES

FORUM SUBJECTS

- ◆ Country presentations: investment conditions and project opportunities
- ◆ SMEs: development, support, financial instruments and projects
- ◆ Infrastructure and transport: investment projects, studies, sustainable development in CEI countries
- ◆ European enlargement and integration, Euroregions, cross-border cooperation programmes
- ◆ Local Systems: local authorities, business organisations, support agencies, industrial districts, local development agencies and programmes, the economic dimension of minorities
- ◆ Stability Pact and Investment Compact: projects, progress, financial and implementation issues
- ◆ International Financial Institutions: strategies, services, projects (EBRD, EIB, WB, IFC, etc.)
- ◆ Financial Institutions: Banking, Insurance, Investment funds in CEI countries
- ◆ Research and development in CEI countries: EC instruments for regional development
- ◆ Technology applications for investment projects and business
- ◆ Information technology in business, e-commerce, e-government, the new economy
- ◆ Women entrepreneurship, support agencies, projects
- ◆ Young entrepreneurship: conclusions from the Youth Forum (a SEF parallel event)
- ◆ Investment Project Presentations (from a variety of project originators)
- ◆ Real estate markets and the housing sector: strategies for reforms and development
- ◆ Fora's Forum: presentations of summaries and reports from similar events in the region in 2001.

SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS AT THE FORUM

Speakers from public and private sectors, including prominent industry leaders, international organisations and financial institutions, will focus on the Forum subjects.

- ◆ **Panel presentations** for a larger audience, including country presentations and reports from other similar events in the region
- ◆ **Seminars** for specialised audiences
- ◆ **Round tables** on current issues: Ministers of Economy, Chambers of Commerce, Investment Promotion Agencies, Italian Institute for Foreign Trade (ICE) and UN/ECE, plus presentations by exhibitors.
- ◆ **Interest groups** for fewer participants interested in developing co-operation arrangements and specific initiatives (CEI Working Groups, INFORMEST, MIGA, OECD, etc.)

EXHIBITION

- ◆ **17 Country stands** on economic developments and investment opportunities of CEI countries
- ◆ **Exhibitors' Stands** sponsored by commercial firms and national, international organisations will offer information and advice on investment and support

NETWORKING

The CEI provides facilities for business networking before, during, and after the Forum:

- ◆ **Project Centre** and project database also with poster displays, to facilitate networking and matching of supply and demand
- ◆ **Bilateral meetings** between participants and government officials, financial institutions, international organisations, consultants, etc.
- ◆ **Link with top CEI political meetings** (Summit of Prime Ministers, meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of Ministers of economic sectors)
- ◆ **Social events** and ample opportunities for networking (also using the CEI database and "networking form"). In one reception, participants will be able to meet Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and Economy Ministers of CEI countries.