



## Regional Summit of Finance Ministers, Governors and Tax Administration Directors

“Financial and Monetary Stability  
of the Region in Conditions  
of Weak Economic Growth  
in the Eurozone”

# AGENDA

June 13-15, 2024

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## DAY 0 – June 13,2024

17.00 – 19.00 Participant registration

20.00 – 22.00 Welcome cocktail

## DAY 1 – June 14,2024

09.00 – 10.00 Participant registration

10.00 – 10.15 Introductory remark

- **Aleksandar Vlahović**, President Serbian Association of Economists

### 10.15 – 12.00 **PANEL 1 – TAX ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORS**

#### **“REFORM AND MODERNIZATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATION – GOALS, REACH AND LIMITATIONS”**

##### **Topics:**

- Key challenges for tax administrations in the countries of the region and their priorities in the short and medium term
- The importance of efficient tax administration to the stability of public finances in uncertain times
- Reform and modernization of tax administrations – reach and limitations
- Preventing the growth of the gray economy in uncertain times
- Regional cooperation and examples of the common fight against the gray economy and tax evasion
- Tax administration and taxpayers – allies not enemies
- E – tax administration and digitalization – two sides of the same coin
- Tax treatment of duty products in the countries of the region

##### **Invited speakers:**

- **Sava Laketić**, Acting Director Tax Administration Montenegro
- **Zoran Tegeltija**, Director Indirect Taxation Authority B&H
- **Goran Maričić**, Director Tax Administration Republic Srpska
- **Šerif Isović**, Director Tax Administration Federation B&H
- **Ilir Murtezaj**, Director Tax Administration Kosovo
- **Miroslav Đinović**, Assistant Director Tax Administration Serbia
- **Anastas Mazhenkovski**, Deputy Director Customs Administration North Macedonia
- **Goran Pekez**, Director Corporate Affairs and Communications JTI Western Balkans

**Moderator: Dragijana Radonjić Petrović, Vice-President Serbian Association of Economists**

12.00 – 12.15 Questions from the audience

12.15 – 12.45 Coffee break

### 12.45 – 14.00 **PANEL 2 – PUBLIC INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT**

##### **Topics:**

- Planning of sustainable level of public investment
- Investment allocation (institutions and sectors)
- Implementation

#### Invited speakers:

- **Sebastian Sosa**, IMF Bureau Chief Western Balkans
- **Nicola Pontara**, WB Country Manager for Serbia
- **Zdravko Marić**, Former Finance Minister Croatia

**Moderator and Introductory: Dušan Vujović, Member of the Presidency, Serbian Association of Economists**

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

DAY 2 – June 15, 2024

09.20 – 09.30 Introductory remark

- **Irena Radović**, Governor Central Bank of Montenegro

09.30 – 11.15 **PANEL 3 – CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS**

**“MAINTAINING THE STABILITY OF PRICES AND THE BANKING SYSTEM DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES”**

#### Topics:

- Is inflation a thing of the past? The reach of monetary policy in subduing inflation in the past
- Effects of FED and ECB measures on monetary policy of the central banks of the region
- Stability of prices and the banking and financial systems – two sides of the same coin
- Importance of coordinated activity of fiscal and monetary policy in uncertain times
- Effects of rigid monetary policy on growth
- Priorities of monetary policy
- Can we expect lower interest rates and when? Is monetary easing realistic in 2024?
- Greatest challenges of monetary policy in short and medium term
- Exchange rate – stability in a controlled market?
- Digital Euro and effects on domestic currencies

#### Invited speakers:

- **Irena Radović**, Central Bank Governor Montenegro
- **Anita Angeloska Bezhoska**, Central Bank Governor North Macedonia
- **Jasmina Selimović**, Central Bank Governor B&H
- **Ahmet Ismaili**, Central Bank Governor Kosovo
- **Željko Jović**, Vice Governor National Bank Serbia
- **Michael Faulend**, Vice Governor National Bank Croatia
- **Luljeta Minxhozi**, First Deputy Governor Central Bank Albania
- **Petar Jovanović**, Chairman Executive Board AIK Bank

**Moderator: Dragijana Radonjić Petrović, Vice-President Serbian Association of Economists**

11.15 – 11.30 Questions from the audience

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.15 Introductory remark

- **Novica Vuković**, Finance Minister Montenegro

## 12.15 – 13.45 **PANEL 4 – FINANCE MINISTERS**

### **“RESPONSIBLE FISCAL POLICY – PREREQUISITE FOR ENHANCING ECONOMIC STABILITY AND RESILIENCE IN CONDITIONS OF WEAK GROWTH IN THE EUROZONE”**

#### **Topics:**

- Effects of global trends on public finances in the countries of the region
- Importance of following fiscal rules – do they need to be more rigid?
- Managing public investments: selecting projects based on feasibility studies, transparency, positive effects on overall economic activities
- Is there fiscal space for possible fiscal stimulation. Is the time of fiscal interventions behind us?
- Is the time of high fiscal deficit in the past?
- Growth of interest rates on the global market and effects on public debt and servicing costs
- Synchronizing fiscal and monetary policies. Is inflation a thing of the past?
- Continuing structural reforms – the assumption for healthy public finances and sustainable economic structure
- Fighting the gray economy, tax and duties policy
- The importance of mutual cooperation and cooperation with international financial organizations in uncertain times
- Basic parameters of fiscal policy in the countries of the region in 2024, with key projections for 2025.

#### **Invited speakers:**

- **Novica Vuković**, Finance Minister Montenegro
- **Milenko Krajišnik**, President of the Fiscal Council Republic Srpska
- **Mario Demirović**, Director Customs Administration Croatia
- **Sebastian Sosa**, IMF Bureau Chief Western Balkans
- **Goran Pekez**, Director Corporate Affairs and Communications JTI Western Balkans
- **Dušan Vujović**, Member of the Presidency, Serbian Association of Economists

**Moderator: Aleksandar Vlahović, President Serbian Association of Economists**

**13.45 – 14.00** Questions from the audience

**14.00 – 14.10** Closing remarks

**14.10 – 15.00** Lunch