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Agenda

4 September, Thursday

09:00 Opening and introduction

Dr. Alexander Stoyanov, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy

09:20 Keynote speech: **Conceptual Framework for Tackling Informality**

Professor Colin Williams, Sheffield University Management School

09:40 **Tackling the Undeclared Economy in Bulgaria, Croatia and Macedonia: Background and State of Play**

Rositsa Dzhekova, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Vitosha Research/ Sheffield University Management School

Josip Franic, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb/ Sheffield University Management School

Lyubo Mishkov, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Sheffield University Management School/ Vitosha Research

Chair: **Ruslan Stefanov**, Director, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

Discussion

- 11.00** *Coffee break*
- 11.30** **Tackling the Undeclared Economy: Lessons from Older EU Member States**
- Dr. Piet Renooy**, Regioplan, the Netherlands
Dr. Sigrid Rand, Institute for Economics, Labour and Culture, Goethe University, Frankfurt
Natasa Vidmar, Ministry of Labour, Slovenia
- Chair: Professor Jason Heyes*, Sheffield University Management School
- Discussion
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14.00** **Measuring and Tackling the Undeclared Economy in Bulgaria**
- Professor Tanya Chavdarova**, Department of Sociology, Sofia University
Milen Kolev, Department of Macroeconomics Statistics, National Statistical Institute
Dr. Stefan Petranov, Head, Department of Economics, Sofia University
Nikolay Petkov, Director, Risk Management Department, National Revenue Agency
Elka Dimitrova, Director, Labour Policy Directorate, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- Chair: Dr. Alexander Stoyanov*, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy and Manager, Vitosha Research
- Discussion
- 15.30** Coffee break
- 16:00** **Roundtable Discussion: Tackling Undeclared Work: Ways Forward for Bulgaria, Croatia and Macedonia**
- Rositsa Dzhekova**, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Vitosha Research/ Sheffield University Management School
Josip Franic, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb/ Sheffield University Management School
Lyubo Mishkov, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Sheffield University Management School/Vitosha Research
Marijana Baric, Sheffield University Management School
- Chair: Professor Colin Williams*, Sheffield University Management School
- 17:30** Closing