



THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY

THE FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL

invite you to a roundtable discussion on

Building Public-Private Partnerships: The Experience of Bulgaria

with

Mr. Boyko Borissov

Mayor of Sofia

and

Kenneth R. Sparks, *Board of Directors, Center for International Private Enterprise and Former Executive Vice President, Federal City Council*

John Hill, *CEO, Federal City Council*

John D. Sullivan, *Executive Director, CIPE*

Dr. Ognian Shentov, *Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Public-private partnerships are the foundation for sound policy that promotes democratic and economic reform. Through these partnerships, the private sector can advocate for policy in support of a favorable business environment and help to strengthen governance processes and the provision of public services. The public sector also benefits from a good business climate, job creation, and increased investment flows.

As Bulgaria joins the European Union, the country is set to receive an influx of funds for the improvement of public infrastructure. Yet, the flow of financial aid from the EU may exceed the capacity of the public administration to manage and implement complex projects. To effectively use the funds and achieve the desired outcomes in improving the standard of living in Bulgaria, the government will have to work closely with the private sector to design and implement development programs.

Join us as we discuss public-private partnerships in the Bulgarian and the U.S. contexts. The roundtable will feature a keynote address by the mayor of Sofia, Mr. Boyko Borissov, whose party has just emerged as the leader in Bulgaria's first elections to the European Parliament.

9:00 am - 11:00 am – June 13, 2007

Federal City Council

1156 15th Street NW, Suite 600

coffee and light breakfast will be provided at 8:30am

To RSVP for this event, email rsvp@cipe.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS:

Federal City Council

The Federal City Council, established in 1954, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Washington, D.C. through public-private partnerships. Two hundred of the capitol's top businesses, educational institutions, and civic leaders comprise the council's membership and source of funding. The council has been instrumental in many of the city's most prominent development projects. www.federalcitycouncil.org

Center for the Study of Democracy

CSD is an interdisciplinary public policy institute dedicated to the values of democracy and market economy; it is a non-partisan, independent organization fostering the reform process in Bulgaria through civil society. CSD has a solid track record in promoting good governance and capacity building of local governments in Bulgaria, and has maintained a long-standing partnership with the Sofia Municipality. www.csd.bg

Center for International Private Enterprise

The Center for International Private Enterprise is a non-profit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and one of the four core institutes of the National Endowment for Democracy. CIPE has supported more than 1,000 local initiatives in over 100 developing countries, involving the private sector in policy advocacy and institutional reform, improving governance, and building understanding of market-based democratic systems. www.cipe.org