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Seminar EU Funds for Romania and Bulgaria: Business opportunities

November 28th 2018, Conscience building, Koning Albert II laan 15, Brussels

- 09h00 Registration of participants
- 09h30 Welcome and introduction by Mr. Dirk **Van Steerteghem**, Head of Department International Trade Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT)
Welcome statement by Her Excellency Mrs. Maya **Dobreva**, Ambassador of Bulgaria in Belgium
Welcome statement by His Excellency Mr. Dragoş-Alexandru **Banescu**, Chargé d'affaires of Romania in Belgium
- 09h50 Business opportunities for Belgian companies in Bulgaria, Mrs. Anne **Defourny**, AWEX Sofia
- 10h05 Business opportunities for Belgian companies in Romania, Mrs. Nicoleta **Chirila**, FIT Bucharest
- 10h20 Overview of EU regional policy in Romania and Bulgaria, European Commission, DG Regio, Head of Unit for E.2. Romania, Mr. Carsten **Rasmussen**
- 10h40 Q&A
- 10h45 *Coffee Break*
- 11h00 General overview of the main EU programmes in Romania; Focus on sectors financed under Large Infrastructure OP, support to SME's and agricultural investments - Mrs. Oana Marie **Arat**, deputy general director LIOP MA, Mr. Ionut **Micu**, deputy general director LIOP MA, Mrs. Madalina **Istrate**, counsellor ROP MA and Mrs. Camelia **Popescu**, counsellor NRDP MA
- 11h50 General overview of the EU programmes in Bulgaria; Focus on different sectors with opportunities for Belgian companies - Mrs. Irena **Nikolova**, Central Coordination Unit Directorate in the Council of Ministers and Mrs. Stefka **Andreychina**, Modernisation of the Administration Directorate in the Council of Ministers
- 12h40 Testimonials by two Belgian companies active in Romania and Bulgaria
Mr. Freddy **Jacobs**, CEO PBS Worldwide, active in Romania
Mr. Kiril **Velitschkov**, Director "Directorate European Projects and Financial Institutions" & Manager "KBC Group Financial Instruments Competence Centre" OBB - KBC Group, active in Bulgaria
- 13h00 Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) advisory services, Vincent **Van Breusegem**, EEN Wallonia
- 13h10 Q&A
- 13h15 Closing remarks by Mrs. Chantal **De Bleu**, General Manager Foreign trade, Wallonia Export-Investment Agency (AWEX)
- 13h20 **Networking Lunch**