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Seminar EU Funds for Romania and Bulgaria: Business opportunities

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

- 9h00 Registration of participants
- 9h30 Welcome by Mr. Dirk **Van Steerteghem**, Head of Department International Trade FIT
Welcome and impulse statement by His Excellency Mr. Dragoş-Alexandru **Banescu**,
Chargé d'affaires of Romania in Belgium,
Welcome and impulse statement by Her Excellency Mrs. Maya **Dobрева**, Ambassador of
Bulgaria in Belgium
- 9h50 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, (*name speaker tbc*)
- 10h40 Q&A
- 10h45 *Coffee Break*
- 11h00 General overview of the EU programmes in Romania, (*name speaker tbc*)
- 11h20 General overview of the EU programmes in Bulgaria, Irena **Nikolova**, Central
Coordination Unit Directorate in the Council of Ministers
- 11h40 Romania: Focus on sectors financed under Large Infrastructure OP (MEF), support to
SME's (MRDPA) and agricultural investments (MARD), representatives of the Ministry of
European Funds, the Ministry of Regional Development and the Ministry of Agriculture and
Rural Development (*names speakers tbc*)
- 12h10 Bulgaria: Focus on different sectors with opportunities for Belgian companies, (*name
speaker(s) tbc*)
- 12h40 Testimonials by two Belgian companies active in Romania and Bulgaria
- Mr. Freddy **Jacobs**, PBS Worldwide, active in Romania
Mr. Kiril **Velitschkov**, KBC Group, active in Bulgaria
- 13h00 EEN advisory services, Vincent **Van Breusegem**, EEN Wallonia
- 13h10 Q&A
- 13h20 Closing remarks by Mrs. Chantal **De Bleu**, General Manager Foreign trade, Wallonia
Export-Investment Agency (AWEX)
- 13h20 **Networking Lunch**