WESTERN BALKANS 16-17 DECEMBER 2021 SKOPJE BUILDER BUILDER INNOVATION& BUSINESS FORUM IMAGINE. INNOVATE. CREATE.

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Hybrid event: Hotel Hilton Double Tree, Blvd Asnom 17, Skopje, 1000, North Macedonia and online

	DAY 1 - December 16, 2021
9.00	Registration and refreshments (for on-site participants)
9.30	High-level opening
	Butterfly Innovation & Business Forum Host Prof. Nikola Jankulovski, Ph.D. Rector, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
	<i>Majlinda Bregu</i> , Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council <i>Signe Ratso</i> , Deputy Director General Research & Innovation, European Commission <i>Jean David Malo</i> , Director, European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) <i>Fatmir Bytyqi</i> , Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of Republic of North Macedonia (TBC)
10.00	Enterprise Europe Network Innovation Support: What's in it for me?
	Moderator: Ana Zafirova • Viktor Stojmanovski - Enterprise Europe Network, North Macedonia • Nikola Balic - Access to Finance, FINNO Enterprise Europe Network, Croatia
10.45	Elevator Pitch: What Godzilla, Wonder Woman and James Bond Have in Common?
11.15	Break
11.30	Fast growers: How Rapidly Growing Innovative Companies Have Done It?
	<i>Moderator: Mladen Kostic, Intera Technology Park</i> • Nenad Novovic - Amplitudo CEO, Montenegro • Damjan Postolovski - SolarData CTO & Co-Founder, North Macedonia • Linda Shomo - Founder & CEO of EasyPay, Albania





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12.30	Investors On the Lookout for Innovative Initiatives in the Western Balkans
	 Moderator: Sinisa Marcic, Regional Cooperation Council Keith Sequeira, EIC Board, European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) Kosta Petrov - Fund for Innovation and Technology Development, Director, North Macedonia Eli Zhabevska - South Central Ventures, Principal
13.30	Lunch break
14.30	Making Room in the Innovation Ecosystem for the Region's First Unicorns
	 Moderator: Natasa Vujnovic Sedlar, Business Incubator Novi Sad Katarina Urosevic - HTEC Group Chief of Staff, Serbia Dalibor Marijanovic - Authority Partners, Executive Vice President of Consulting, Croatia Muhamed Semic - Deloitte, Head of Consulting and Risk Advisory, Bosnia and Herzegovina
15.30	Break
15.45	Early Stage Innovators and How to Assist Their Growth
	 Moderator: Zoja Kukic, Startit and SEE ICT Aleksandar Miltenovic - ATUVIS, Co-founder, Serbia Eroll Gorçi - Udhe Co-founder Kosovo* Ledjon Agalliu - Leko Tech, Co-founder, Albania Goran Jankovic - Enterprise Development Agency, Senior Advisor and Researcher, Bosnia and Herzegovina
16.45	Closing of Day 1
20.00	Dinner
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	DAY 2 - December 17, 2021
9.30	Women Innopreneurs Rocking the Boat for Tangible Impact
	 Moderator: Sanja Popovic Pantic, Mihajlo Pupin Institute Emilija Andonova, Foundation for Management and Industrial Research, North Macedonia Valentina Radulovic - DigitalBee Co-Founder, Montenegro Zana Tabaku - Appdec, Co-Founder and CEO, Kosovo* Dragana Calija - Saint Di company, CEO, Serbia
10.30	Innovation Infrastructure Champions in the Western Balkans
	 Moderator: Aleksandar Stamboliev, Business Accelerator UKIM Bojan Milenkovic - Science and Technology Park Belgrade, Innovation Development Coordinator, Serbia Marina Dimova - UNDP BiH Accelerator Lab, Chief Technical Specialist, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina Aleksandar Janicic - Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre Tehnopolis, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Project Management Coordinator, Montenegro
11.30	Break
11.45	Tech Champions on the Rise in the Region
	 Moderator: Ivana Stankovic, Fund for Innovation and Technology Development of North Macedonia TBC Filip Kostadinoski - FIXIGO, InnoPod project, North Macedonia Natasa Simin, FeJuice, Co-founder, Serbia Nikola Maksimcuk - City Gecko Co-founder, Bosnia and Herzegovina Luka Maric - NeWay Co-founder, Serbia
12.45	Lunch Break

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13.30 Beyond Tech: Social Innovation in the Western Balkans

Moderator: Radmil Polenakovikj - Faculty of Mechanical Engineering UKIM

- Klotilda Kosta Partners Albania, Director of Programs, Albania
- Zoran Puljic Mozaik Foundation, Director, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Sofija Bogeva SmartUp, Co-founder and Innovation Lead, North Macedonia

14.30 Making Innovation Difficult to Ignore: Podcasts Making Waves

Moderator: Igor Mladenovic - University of Nis

- Valon Canhasi 3GO, Kosovo*
- Darko Buldioski New Media CEO, North Macedonia
- Ena Taslaman Authority Partners, Head of Communications and PR Department, Bosnia and Herzegovina

15.30 Closing remarks

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Closing of Day 2

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