

8th International Cooperation Forum

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November 2nd -3rd, 2023
Science and Technology Park Niš
Niš, Republic of Serbia

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

13:00 – 14:00 Registration of Participants

14:00 – 15:30 The role of a standardized mentoring service in improving the SMEs performance

Moderator: Ana Žegarac, Development Agency of Serbia (RAS)

Speakers:

- Representative of JICA Balkan Office
- Shinichiro Kato, JICA expert for SME Project
- Project representative from the Development Agency of Serbia
- Project representative from the Development Agency of the Republic of Srpska
- Mentor and representative of the company from the Republic of Serbia
- Mentor and representative of the company from the Republic of Srpska

15:30 – 16:00 Welcome Cocktail

16:30 – 17:30 Meeting of regional development agencies

16:00 – 17:30 Meeting of NTP parks operating in Serbia (existing and under construction) with representatives of the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation and the Innovation Fund

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

09:00 – 10:00 Registration of Participants

10:00 – 11:00 **Official Forum Opening**

- Mr. Rados Gazdic, Acting Director, Development Agency of Serbia
- Mr. Marinko Djukic, Director, Development Agency of the Republic of Srpska
- Representative of the Government of the Republic of Serbia
- Representative of the Government of the Republic of Srpska
- Dragana Sotirovski, Mayor of the City of Niš

▪ Press statements



11:00 – 12:30 How to ensure sustainable growth for SMEs

Moderator: Jelena Cvijanović, Development Agency of Serbia

Speakers:

- Capital management consultant
- Representative of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia
- Consultant for ESG criteria
- Representative of Development Agency of the Republic of Srpska/ SME
- Representative of SME from the Republic of Serbia

12:30 – 12:45 Coffee Break

12:45 – 14:15 Advanced technologies and SEE position on that path

Moderator: Vladimir Tomić, Development Agency of Serbia

Speakers:

- Representative of company from the Republic of Serbia
- Representative of a multinational company
- University/Faculty representative
- Representative of company from the Republic of Srpska
- GIZ Representative

14:15 – 15:45 Innovation as a driver of sustainable development

(What have we achieved, what are the examples of good practice? What are the key challenges? Innovation infrastructure is necessary, funding too, but can we do better? Can we get added value through collaboration and ecosystem consolidation?)

Moderator: Milan Ranđelović, Science and Technology Park Niš

Speakers:

- Representative of Innovation Fund of the Republic of Serbia
- Representative of Science and Technology Park Belgrade
- Representative of Digital Serbia Initiative
- Representative of Innovation Centre Banja Luka
- Representative of Science and Technology Park Banja Luka

15:45 – 16:45 Lunch

13:30 – 17:30 B2B Matchmaking Meetings within Enterprise Europe Network