



Thematic event
**The cost of non-membership of Schengen for the Single Market
Impact on Bulgaria and Romania**

24 September 2024 | 10:00 - 15:00 | Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia, Bulgaria

PROGRAM

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

Panel 1: European dimensions of the topic

10.00 – 11.10

Opening speeches

- Mr. Dobri Mitrev, President of BIA
- Mr. Călin Ile, Vice-President of Concordia

Exchange of views (with moderator)

- Mr. Boyko Borissov, Chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee of the 50th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Ms. Yordanka Chobanova, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria,
- H.E. Mr. Miklós BOROS, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary
- Mr. Andrey Novakov, Representative of Bulgaria in the European Parliament
- H.E. Mrs. Brândusha Predescu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania

Presentation of the working document of the EESC's draft opinion

- Ms. Maria Mincheva, rapporteur, member of the Employers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee and Vice-President of BIA

11:10 – 11:30

Coffee break

Panel 2: Panel discussion of stakeholders from Bulgaria and Romania

11:30 – 11:45

Presentations:

- Mr. Emil Angelov, Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of Glavbolgarstroy Holding
- Mr. Oleg Roibu, General Counsel, eMAG Group (Romania)

11:45 – 12:20

Panelists:

- Ms. Stefka Baykova-Angelova, Vice President of the Transport Federation, Confederation of Labor Podkrepa,
- Mr. Codrin Nisoiu, President, ACADEMICA BUES Union
- Mr Romeo Medan, Vice-President of the National Union of Road Transport Operators of Romania (UNTRR)
- Ms Lisa Rilasciati, Austrian Chamber of Commerce
- Emil Dandolov, National Organization of Customs Agents

12:20 – 12:30

Discussion

Panel 3: Panel discussion with representatives of academia and civil society from Bulgaria and Romania

12:30 – 13:15

Panelists:

- Ms. Zornitsa Rusinova, Chairperson of the Economic and Social Council of Bulgaria
- Mr Bogdan Simion, President of the Economic and Social Council of Romania
- Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva – Filipova, Institute for Economic Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- Mr. Antoan Atanasov, Bulgarian National Association "Active Consumers"

13:15 – 13:30

Discussion

13:30 – 13:40

Summing up and ending the event

13:40 – 15:00

Networking lunch

Participants can speak in Bulgarian, English or Romanian. During the discussions, interpretation will be provided in Bulgarian, English or Romanian.