

AGENDA:VIRTUAL US-EU AGRO-FINANCE FORUM FOR SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Financing Opportunities for Rural Development in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania

When: Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (Romania time)

Where: IndAgra Show, Eminescu Hall, Romexpo Exhibition Center Bucharest – Romania

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Access in Eminescu Hall & Registration of Participants

Official Session for Welcome Addresses (2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.):

2:30 – 2:35 p.m. **Chairperson:** Mr. **Greg O'CONNOR**, U.S. Commercial Counselor & Regional Senior Commercial Officer for Southeast Europe, U.S. Embassy in Romania

2:35 – 2:45 p.m. H.E. Mr. **Davor VIDIŠ**, Croatian Ambassador to Romania

2:45 – 2:55 p.m. (Video call) Mr. **Vasil GRUDEV**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture & Food of Bulgaria

2:55 – 3:05 p.m. Ms. **Diana PĂUN**, PhD State Advisor, Presidential Administration of Romania

3:05 – 3:15 p.m. Mr. **Ionel DANCĂ**, State Advisor for Special Economic Development Projects, Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Romania

3:15 – 3:25 p.m. Mr. **Bogdan ALECU**, General Director of the Management Authority for the National Rural Development Program (2014-2020), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Romania

3:25 – 3:30 p.m. Mr. **Mihai DARABAN**, President, Romanian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Agribusiness Session (3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.):

Agribusiness Opportunities for Bulgaria, Croatia & Romania:

3:30 – 3:35 p.m. **Chairperson:** Mr. **Bogdan BAZGA**, Ph.D., UNFAO & OECD/CoAg-TAD's National Coordinator in Romania

- *Climate is changing. Food & Agriculture Must Too (UNFAO Motto)*

3:35 – 3:45 p.m. (Video call) Mr. **Louis FREDRICKS**, Commercial Assistant – Standards & Conformity Assessment Support, US Commercial Service to EU

- *EU Product Certification: Agricultural Equipment and Irrigation Technologies*

3:45 – 3:55 p.m. (Video call) Ms. **Anita SENNETT**, Director, Agriculture Product Management, U.S. Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)

- *AEM's Agriculture Equipment & Construction Technologies' Transfer Offer for Rural Development & Primary Irrigation Infrastructures' Rehabilitation*

3:55 – 4:05 p.m. (Video call) Mr. **John R. FARNER, Jr.**, Government & Public Affairs Director, U.S. Irrigation Association – IA

- *IA's Irrigation Systems & Smart Water Application Technologies' Transfer Offer for the Rural Development of the Secondary Irrigation Infrastructure*

4:05 – 4:15 p.m. (Video call) Mr. **Anton ASPARUHOV**, Director, Rural Development Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture & Food of Bulgaria

(In presidium) Mr. **Ivaylo MARINOV**, First Secretary and Head of Economic & Commercial Office, Bulgarian Embassy in Romania

4:15 – 4:25 p.m. (Video Call TBC) Ms. **Nada Trgovčević LETICA**, Head of Service, Directorate for Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture of Croatia

(In presidium) Ms. Counselor **Dinka FRANULIĆ**, Counselor, Croatian Embassy in Romania

4:25 – 4:45 p.m. Questions & Answers to be moderated by the Chairperson. During the session participants can ask or email questions to the Chairperson: bogdan.bazga@madr.ro

Coffee/Tea Break from 4:45 to 5 p.m.

Financial Session (5 – 6:15 p.m.):

Agribusiness Financing Opportunities:

5:00 – 5:05 p.m. **Chairperson:** Mr. **Bogdan BAZGA**, Ph.D., UNFAO & OECD/CoAg-TAD's National Coordinator in Romania

- *Financing Irrigation Canals for Rural Development & Agro-Food Security*

5:05 – 5:15 p.m. (Video call) Mr. **Rick ANGIUONI**, Director, Europe & Africa, Global Business Development Division U.S. Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank of the United States

- *Ex-Im Bank's Agribusiness Trade Finance & Insurance Opportunities*

5:15 – 5:25 p.m. (Video call) Mr. **Bruce CAMERON**, Director, Agribusiness and Project Finance, U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation – OPIC

- *OPIC – Supported Investment Funds in Emerging Agribusiness Markets*

5:25 – 5:35 p.m. Mr. **Andrei SVORONOS**, Principal Banker Agribusiness, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development – EBRD Romania

- *EBRD's Agribusiness Financing Opportunities*

5:35 – 5:55 p.m. Mr. **Dragoş DINU**, Romanian Minister of European Funds

- *Integrated Approach to and Arrangements for the Use of the "European Structural and Investment Funds"*

5:55 – 6:15 p.m. Questions & Answers to be moderated by the Chairperson. During the session participants can ask or email questions to the Chairperson: bogdan.bazga@madr.ro

Participants in the event room and via webinar:

- Agro-finance governmental officials from Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and EU
- Representatives of agriculture & irrigation professional associations from Southeast Europe (SEE)
- IndAgra's SEE exhibitors interested in partnering with US suppliers of irrigation infrastructure technologies, crop storage facilities, agricultural machinery, animal husbandry equipment & agro-food processing industries
- US exhibitors from Agritechnica 2015 & their EU reps exhibiting in IndAgra 2016
- EU reps of US suppliers of irrigation & agricultural technologies
- US-EU financial & insurance institutions, banks, brokers & agribusiness investment funds
- US-EU academic universities specialized in research & innovation of agricultural sciences