



Media Advisory

13th ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting

26 April 2018

The 13th ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting will take place in Sofia on 26 April. The ministers and stakeholders will discuss current and future economic developments, taxation in the framework of the digitalisation of the economy, and new and emerging risks in the financial system, with a particular focus on cyber security. The meeting will be chaired by the Bulgarian Finance Minister Vladislav Goranov.

Agenda

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11:30 – 12:00 Arrivals at the National Palace of Culture, doorsteps (*broadcast live*)

13:00 – 13:30 Family photo (*broadcast live*)

13:25 – 13:30 Roundtable (*broadcast live*)

13:30 – 14:30 **Plenary session I: Economic developments – Are we ready for the next global downturn?**

Opening remarks: Vladislav Goranov – Finance Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria (*broadcast live*)

Lead speakers: David Lipton – First Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Klaus Regling – Chief Executive Officer, European Financial Stability Facility and Managing Director, European Stability Mechanism

Dr Hoe Ee Khor – Chief Economist, AMRO

Discussant: Debra Kertzman – European Representative, Asian Development Bank

15:00 – 16:00 **Plenary session II: Tax and Digitalization of the Economy**

Lead speakers: *Cheng Lihua – Vice Minister of Finance, People’s Republic of China*

Pascal Saint-Amans – Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

Discussant: *Yasuhisa Nakao – Deputy Vice Minister, Japan*

Gaël Perraud – Deputy Director International Taxation and European Affairs, Directorate of Tax Legislation, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France

16:30 – 17:30 **Plenary session III: Addressing New and Emerging Risks in the Financial System – Cyber Security**

Lead speakers: *Valdis Dombrovskis – Vice President of the European Commission*

Ueli Maurer – Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Finance, Switzerland

Vincenzo La Via – Director General of the Treasury, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy

Wolfgang Schmidt – Secretary of State, Ministry of Finance, Germany

Sébastien de Brouwer – Chief Policy Officer, European Banking Federation

Suahasil Nazara – Deputy Minister, Indonesia

Discussant: *Aquiles Almansi – Lead Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank*

17.30 – 18.00 **Wrap-up session and adoption of the Communiqué**

Accreditation information

Accredited journalists can pick up their badges on Wednesday, 25 April 2018 at the Registration Desk at Entrance B-2 of the National Palace of Culture between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Members of the press arriving



in Sofia on the day of the event will be able to get their badges at the same entrance upon their arrival at the National Palace of Culture. Only accredited members of the press will have access to the National Palace of Culture.

Photos and videos

All media opportunities during the event (doorstep statements, handshake, roundtable) will be streamed live on the [Website of the Bulgarian Presidency](#). Throughout the day, photos and videos will be uploaded in the [Photo](#) and [Video](#) sections of the Website. All official photos from the event are also available for download in high resolution on the [Flickr](#) account of the Bulgarian Presidency. Videos can be downloaded from [Vimeo](#).

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