



EU4Business

EU-Azerbaijan Business Forum

Baku, 13 June 2019

Programme



Morning Programme

09:00 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:40 **Official Opening Speeches**

Sharg Hall I

Mr Shahin Mustafayev, Minister of Economy
Mr Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner
for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Moderator:

Mr Kestutis Jankauskas, Ambassador/Head of the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan

10:40 - 11:50 **Launch of EU Business Climate Report Azerbaijan 2019**

Presentation:

Ms Nigar Bayramli, Head of Market Analysis and Communication
AHK Azerbaijan

Interventions:

Mr Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Taxes
Mr Safar Mehdiyev, Chairman of State Customs Committee
Mr Togrul Musayev, Deputy Minister of Justice
Mr Idris Isayev, Deputy Minister of Education

Moderator:

Mr Tobias Baumann, Executive Director, AHK Azerbaijan

11:50 - 12:15 **Coffee Break**

*Working languages are English and Azerbaijani, with simultaneous interpretation.
For **Business-to-Business matchmaking**, please consult the registration table.*



Afternoon Programme ^{1/2}

12:15 - 13:30

Plenary Panel Discussion on the [Business Climate](#)

Sharg Hall I



Opening Remarks:

Mr Rufat Mammadov, Deputy Minister of Economy

Mr Vusal Gasimli, Executive Director

Centre for Analysis of Economic Reforms and Communication

Discussion:

Mr Orkhan Mammadov, Chairman of the Board

Small and Medium Business Development Agency

Mr Maciej Czura, Head of Regional Representation for the South Caucasus

European Investment Bank (EIB)

Mr Farid Isayev, Head of Tax and Legal Department, KPMG Azerbaijan Limited

Mr William Tompson, Head of Eurasia Region

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Moderator:

Ms Simona Gatti, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Azerbaijan

13:30 - 14:45

Lunch Break

Parallel Thematic Panel Sessions:

14:45 - 16:15

Panel Discussion on [Agriculture](#)

Sharg Hall II



Opening Remarks:

Mr Inam Karimov, Minister of Agriculture

Mr Goshgar Tahmazli, Head of the Food Safety Agency

Discussion:

Mr Yusif Abdullayev, President

Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO)

Ms Afat Ahmadova, Director, Brightman BMC

Mr Jens Eichler, Deputy Director, GEA

Ms Leyla Mammadova, Director, State Agro Trade Company

Mr Majnun Mammadov, Director, Agro Food Investments

Moderator:

Mr Serge Krebs, Head of the Economic Department
for Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, Embassy of France



Afternoon Programme ^{2/2}

14:45 - 16:15

Panel Discussion on Connectivity (Transport, Logistics and ICT)

Sharg Hall I



Opening Remarks:

Mr Ramin Guluzade, Minister of Transport, Communications and High Technologies

Mr Taleh Ziyadov, Director General, Baku International Sea Trade Port

Discussion:

Mr Fuad Allahverdiyev, CEO, AzerTelecom

Ms Catherine Barberis, Deputy Head of Division, Public Sector Lending in EU Neighbouring Countries, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Mr John Braeckveldt, Director, Gosselin

Mr Farhan Guliyev, Director, Azerbaijan Air Navigation Services Department
Azerbaijan Airlines

Mr Natig Heydarov, Director, Alliance Logistics

Mr Elshan Zeynalov, Country Managing Director for Azerbaijan and Georgia
Alstom Transport Azerbaijan

Moderator:

Mr Denis Naets, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Belgium

14:45 - 16:15

Panel Discussion on Tourism

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Opening Remarks:

Mr Fuad Nagiyev, Chairman of State Tourism Agency

Discussion:

Mr Jeyhun Ashurov, Deputy Head of Azerbaijan Health and Thermal Tourism Support Association

Mr Rodderich Leffler, Cluster General Manager, Absheron Hotel Group

Mr Paolo Merlin, CEO, Alpenmade Contract S.r.l.

Mr Florian Sengstschmid, CEO, Azerbaijan Tourism Board

Moderator:

Ms Manuela Traldi, President, Italy-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce

Sharg Hall Foyer

16:15 - 18:00

Networking Cocktail

