

Macedonia2025 Summit

12-13 May 2025 | Hotel Marriott, Skopje

A G E N D A

11 May 2025

18:00 - 20:00 **VIP Networking Reception (by invitation only)**
Location: Cabinet of the President of Macedonia (Villa Vodno)
Address by H.E. Gordana Siljanovska Davkova, President of Macedonia

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08:00 – 09:00 **Registration over coffee, *powered by Franck***

09:00 – 09:30 **Official Opening**
[Viktor Mizo](#), Chair of the Board of Directors, Macedonia2025 | KOSTAL Group
[Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski](#), CEO of Macedonia2025

09:30 – 10:10 **Beyond Politics: The Economic Vision and Leadership Journey of Prime Minister Hristijan Mickoski**
Moderator: [Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski](#), CEO of Macedonia2025
H.E. Hristijan Mickoski, Prime Minister of Macedonia

10:10 - 10:50 **Macedonia2025: Coming of Age (Where we are and where we are going)**
Moderator: [Borijan Borozanov](#), Macedonia2025 Board Member | Johnson Matthey
[Mike Zafirovski](#), Co-founder of Macedonia2025 | The Zaf Group
John Bitove, Co-founder of Macedonia2025 | Obelysk
[Zhivko Mukaetov](#), Macedonia2025 Board Member | ALKALOID AD

10:50 - 11:20 **Networking over Coffee, *powered by Franck***

11:20 – 12:00 **Power Talk: Economic Turnaround Through Painful Reforms**
Moderator: [Mike Zafirovski](#), Co-founder of Macedonia2025 | The Zaf Group
Nika Gilauri, Former PM of Georgia | Reformatics

12:00 – 13:00 **Diverse Roads, One Destination: Strategies for Economic Growth**
Moderator: [Blagica Petreski](#), Executive Director of Finance Think
Tadeusz Kościński, Former Minister of Finance of Poland
[Jürgen Kappenmann](#), Managing Partner at Policultancy
[Philip T. Reeker](#), Former US Ambassador to Macedonia

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (Board of Directors and Team Family Photo)
14:00 – 14:30	Power Talk: Trade, Talent, and the Future of Global Economic Partnerships Moderator: Borko Handjiski , Member of the Macedonia2025 Board of Directors Oliver Wyman H.E. Abdullah Ali Ateeq Obaid AlSubousi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Republic of North Macedonia
14:30 – 15:20	Digital Policies & Innovation for a Future-Ready Economy Moderator: Vasko Kronevski , Vice-chair of Macedonia2025 Board of Directors Nextsense H.E. Stefan Andonovski , Minister of Digital Transformation Matthias Daub , Founder, societec
15:20 - 16:00	Decentralizing Power: The Future of Money, Media and Digital Freedom Moderator: Chris Pavlovski , Board Member, Macedonia2025 Rumble Inc. Paolo Ardoino , CEO of Tether
16:00	Smidgin and Tikveš Unwind Hour
19:30 - 00:00	Connect, Celebrate, Enjoy <i>powered by Gemak</i> Location: Ria's Restaurant & Bar

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09:00 - 10:00	Redefining FDI Strategies: Aligning Macedonia's Economic Potential with Smart Investment Moderator: Viktor Mizo , Chair of the Macedonia2025 Board of Directors KOSTAL Group Jacopo Dettoni , Editor at fDi Intelligence, fDi Magazine Martin Kaspar , Head of Strategy & Corporate Development at Fränkische Industrial Pipes (FIP) Ivica Jevtic , Senior Partner at JPM & Partners
10:00 – 11:00	Educating Tomorrow: Shaping Leaders, Thinkers, and Innovators Moderator: Venera Krliu , Board Member, Macedonia2025 UACS

H.E. Vesna Janevska, Minister of Education and Science
[Arben Jusufi](#), Co-Founder and CEO at LEORON Institute
[Clarisse Behar Molad](#), Managing Director, Adizes Executive Education

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| 11:00 - 11:30 | Networking over Coffee, <i>powered by Franck</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:10 | AI, Grit, and the Unconventional Path: A Power Talk with Dao Jensen
<i>Moderator:</i> Kati Iceva , Director of Engineering at Microsoft
Dao Jensen , President at Compass UOL |
| 12:10 – 13:10 | The AI Revolution: How Technology is Reshaping Traditional Industries
<i>Moderator:</i> Mitko Andonov , General Manager, Eon Eden
Dr. Miriam Stankovich , Key ICT Policy and Regulatory Expert
Dalibor Bobic , CEO of EXOR ETI Ltd
Spase Miloseski , CEO, KBBSuite |
| 13:10 – 14:10 | Lunch |
| 14:10 – 14:30 | Atanas Bliznakoff Foundation Award Ceremony |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | The New Era - How AI Redefines Our World
Metodija Mirchev , CEO of A1 Makedonija |
| 14:45 – 15:05 | Power Talk: Investing in Change: Inside Saudi Arabia’s Economic Evolution and the Opportunities Ahead for Global Partners
<i>Moderator:</i> Ivan Skenderoski , Managing Partner at Saliency Consulting
Hélène Panova , Head of M&A at NEOM, Tech & Digital Sector |
| 15:05 - 15:50 | Investing Back, Moving Forward: The Diaspora’s Role in National Growth
<i>Moderator:</i> John Bitove, Co-founder, Macedonia2025 Obelysk
Dalibor Frtunik , CEO at Sorsix
Rexhino Cekrezi , Co-founder at Trifolium
Aleksandar Seratic , Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Mercata VT Owner, Vivex Group Supervisory Board, Kraš Supervisory Board, MPC Properties |
| 15:50 - 16:15 | Closing Ceremony |
| 16:15 | Smidgin and Tikveš Unwind Hour |