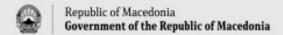
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19:05 - 19:20	Keynote Government Address: Macedonia as an Investment Location
19:00 - 19:05	Opening Remarks from the Chair Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group
16.15 - 19.00	Drinks Neception

- Introducing Macedonia
- Macedonia's political, economic, financial and business climate
- Why foreign businesses invest there

Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister, Republic of Macedonia

19:20 - 20:15 Dinner: First and Second Courses Served

Drinka Basentian

20:15 - 21:00 Panel discussion followed by Q&A with guests: Turning Investment Opportunities into Realities

Topics to be covered, based on real-life experience, will include:

- The main opportunities for foreign direct investors in Macedonia
- Its advantages and disadvantages as a business location
- The official incentives available grants, loans, favourable tax arrangements

- Dealing with the practicalities of setting up business there
- The difficulties that can be encountered, and how they are overcome
- The long-term business outlook for Macedonia

**Ludwig Bathon**, Executive Manager, *ODW Elektrik* **Viktor Mizo**, Chief Executive Officer, Free Zones Authority, *Republic of Macedonia* 

Vladimir Pesevski, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Republic of Macedonia

Frank Volk, Business Editor, Automobil Produktion

Moderator:

Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

21:00 - 21:10 Summary of Macedonia's Attractions to International Businesses

Vele Samak, Minister for Foreign Investments, Republic of Macedonia

21:10 - 21:15 **Closing Remarks** 

Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

21:15 - 21:40 Dessert and Coffee

21:40 Formal conclusion