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Bulgarian CEI Presidency Business Forum "The Future of SME"

Venue:	<i>Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia, bul. "Vitosha" 89B, Sofia</i>
7th November 2022 (Monday)	
13:30-14:30	Registration & Welcome coffee
14:30-15:20	Business Forum Opening
	Panel of Foreign Ministers The Role of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Ukraine's Recovery and Reconstruction Participation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs from CEI member states
15:20-16:05	First panel Talent as a source of competitive SMEs and economic development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and retaining people to serve higher-value industries. • Returning native talent from more developed economies. • Improving SME employees' ability and abilities.
16:05-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:15	Second panel Strategic capital access—future building blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent geopolitical developments: what next for SMEs? • Traditional investment in non-traditional development. • Attracting strategic investors with better-added value—what has been done and what has to be done
17:15-18:00	Third panel The panel will discuss the future of small and medium-sized enterprises through the lens of anything as a service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitalization might be a cost-effective, qualitative transition that is also secure for SMEs. • Sharing economy: who benefits from it? • Creating habitats for the growth of creative start-ups.