

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS IN BULGARIA AND THE HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION

## **PUBLIC-POLITICAL FORUM**

## "LOBBYING IN THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS"

29 April /Friday/ 2011 г. Conference hall of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" /entrance Shipka Str./

## **PROGRAM**

Moderator: Associate prof. Dr. Zdravko Popov, Ambassador of Bulgaria in the Czech Republic

**10:00** Opening:

Valentin Lazarov, President of the Board of NAMCB

Bogdan Mirchev, Director of Hanns Seidel Stiftung for Bulgaria

10:10 Lobbying in the European Commission /discussion/

Prof. Rinus van Schedelen, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, active lobbyist

Tomislav Donchev, Minister of management of EU funds

Ivelina Vassileva, Deputy Minister of environment and woter

11:30 Lobbying in the European Parliament

Vladimir Uruchev, Member of the European Parliament

13:00 Lunch in Sofia University's restaurant "Alma Mater"

14:00 A practitioner's experience with Lobbying in Brussels

**Tom Antonissen**, EU Affairs Adviser, EUreSupport, professional lobbyist in Brussels in the sectors of Transport, Environment and Power Engineering

Prof. Rinus van Schedelen, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, active lobbyist

15:30 Lobbying in the European and National Institutions

**Tsvetan Simeonov**, President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Richard Clegg, British Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce, Wolf Theiss Law Firm

17:00 Summary of the results and closing

Simultaneous translation in English is available.

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