



ELEC Mid-Year Conference and Central Council/General Assembly
Graciously hosted by ELEC Bulgaria

Sunday 16 June 2024 Welcome dinner

7.30 pm Meeting in the lobby of Grand Hotel Sofia - <https://www.grandhotelsofia.bg/>

Address: 1, Gurko Street, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

ELEC Mid-Year Conference

Date: June 17th 2024

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DRAFT PROGRAMME*

“The future of the Euro and the future of Bulgaria in the Euro Zone”

Monday 17 June 2024: Mid-Year Conference

9:15 am – 10:00 am Registration and short interviews for national television and press

10:00 – 10:30 am Opening of the Conference

Moderator: Mr. Branimir Botev, President of ELEC Bulgaria

Mrs. Iliana Yotova, Vice President of Bulgaria

Mr. Javier Arias, President of ELEC International

Mrs. Yordanka Chobanova, Head of European Commission’s Representation in Bulgaria

Mrs. Lyudmila Petkova, Minister of Finance

Mr. Petko Nikolov, Minister of Economy and Industry

10:30 – 12:00 am First Panel

1. Keynote speech: “Problems and prospects for the Eurozone. The experience of Spain with the introduction of the Euro”
 - **Mr. Javier Arias, President of ELEC International**



2. Keynote speech: "Euro Area enlargement"
 - **Mr. Franz Nauschnigg**, Head of International department of Oesterreichische Nationalbank
3. Keynote speech: "The Internationalization of the Euro and the Multilateralization of the Global Financial System"
 - **Prof. Fabio Masini**, Theories and History of International Political Economy, Department of Political Science - Roma Tre University, Secretary General Robert Triffin International
4. **Mr. Daniel Mitov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria 2014-2017, MP, Member of Committee on Foreign Policy, Head of Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
5. Keynote speech: "Cyprus experience on the transition to the Euro"
 - **Mr. Spiros Stavrakis**, former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Cyprus

12:00 – 12:30 am. Coffee break

12:30 – 2:00 pm Second Panel

6. Keynote speech: "The legal and economic aspects of Euro"
 - **Prof. Krassen Stanchev**, Sofia University, President of Institute for Market Economy
7. Keynote speech: „Bulgaria - The Rubicon before the Eurozone. Opportunities and Challenges.“
 - **Mr. Kuzman Iliev**, Economist

Panel: The challenges for the Euro and the Future of Bulgaria in the Eurozone. Euro as an Opportunity for Enhanced Economic & Business Cooperation

Moderator: **Mr. Vassil Karaivanov, Secretary General of ELEC Bulgaria**

Panellists:

- Roberto Santorelli, President of Confindustria Bulgaria, Board Member of Italian Chamber of commerce in Bulgaria (tbc.)
- Javier Moral, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Spain
- Armağan AL, Commercial Attaché of Turkiye
- Julio Rosier, Member of the Board of Dutch Bulgarian Business Association
- Kuzman Iliev PhD., Economist
- Lachezar Borisov , Minister of Economy 2020 – 2021

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Lunch organised by ELEC Bulgaria – Grand Hotel Sofia

8.00 pm Dinner – Grand Hotel Sofia



Tuesday 18 June 2024 (for ELEC national sections only)

9.30 am -12.30 pm ELEC Central Council/General Assembly - Grand Hotel Sofia

SERDICA MEETING ROOM, Conference Floor 1

12.30 pm Lunch – Grand Hotel Sofia

3.00 pm – 6.00 pm Visit of the National History Museum in Boyana

Wednesday 19 June 2024

09.00 am Departure from Grand Hotel Sofia to Plovdiv

11.00 am – 2.00 pm Visit of a winery near Plovdiv

After 2.00 pm Visit of Plovdiv Old town and the University of Food Technology

05.00 pm Departure to Sofia

7.00 pm/7.30 pm Arrival in Sofia

**This program is subject to change and correction.*