Dear colleagues:

We are pleased to invite you to our two-day conference on Economic Cooperation and Investment Opportunities in Southeast Europe. The objective is to help accelerate the pace of public and private sector efforts toward regional cooperation and economic development. The New European Democracies Project at CSIS is partnering with the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the Southeastern European Development Foundation (SEED) to assemble a prominent group of policy-makers, experts, and business leaders from the U.S., the EU, and the region. The event will take place on October 5-6, 2006 in the B1 Conference Level of CSIS. Please refer to the attached draft agenda for more details.

The period of stabilization is drawing to a close and the states of Southeastern Europe face new challenges of economic reconstruction and regional cooperation. During the next decade, these issues will require a more comprehensive long-term strategy for attracting investment, developing private enterprise, generating employment, and improving living standards. Most present policy instruments applied by international institutions remain premised on the concepts of foreign aid and post-conflict reconstruction. They have been successful in subduing state violence and ethnic tension, but are inadequate in addressing the roots of social instability and economic disparity. The aim of the conference will be to generate specific recommendations for public and private players to facilitate EU integration, economic cooperation, and business development in Southeast Europe.

We very much hope that you can join us for this timely event and look forward to your response. Please indicate your availability by phone (202) 775 3262 or email mstaneva@csis.org. Thanking you in advance

Sincerely Yours,

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8.30-9.00am  Conference Registration  

9.00-9.30am  Introductions  
Janusz Bugajski - CSIS  
Erhard Busek – Stability Pact  

9.30-10.45am  Panel 1: Political and Legal Framework  
Discussion Leader: Angelos Pangratis, Delegation of the European Commission  
Panelists: William Hall Spencer IV, Director, Washington Office, Public International Law & Policy Group  
Donald Pressley, Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton  
Christopher Hoh, Director, Office of South Central Europe, U.S. Department of State  
William Hall Spencer IV, Public International Law and Policy Group  

10.45-12.00pm  Panel 2: Infrastructure Development  
Discussion Leader: Robert Ichord, Chief, Energy and Infrastructure Division, USAID  
Ad Toet, Community of European Railways and Infrastructure Companies  
John Maguire, Solventa LLP  

12.00-12.30pm  Lunch  

12.30-1.00pm  Nancy Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe, U.S. Department of Treasury  

1.00-2.15pm  Keynote Presentations by S.E. European Government Officials  
Adnan Terzic, Prime Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Theodoros Skylakakis, Secretary General for International Economic Relations, Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Andrijana Starina Kosem, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of Slovenia  
Lutfi Haziri, Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo  
Predrag Boskovic, Minister of Economy of Montenegro  
Jasna Matic, Head of the Serbian Investment and Export Promotion Agency
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2:15- 3.30pm  
**Panel 3: Trade Barriers and Opportunities**

**Discussion Leader:** John S. Wilson, World Bank*

**Panelists:** Igor Gradjevic, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro  
Iren Borissova, Trade Advisor, Delegation of the European Commission  
Ana Trbovic, Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration (FEFA), University of Singidunum, Belgrade, Serbia

3:30- 5.00pm  
**Panel 4: Business Environment and Investment Promotion**

**Discussion Leader:** James Myers, Director, Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Dimitri Demekas, Chief Southeastern Division, IMF  
Anthony O'Sullivan, Director, OECD Investment Compact  
Scott Salmon, U.S. Steel  
Eric Rohtla, AIG

5.00-5.30pm  
**Tasking the Task Groups**

**October 6, 2006**

9:00-10.00am  
**Banking and Financial Sector reform in Southeast Europe**

10:00am-12.00pm  
**Task Group Sessions**

12.00-1.00pm  
**Lunchtime Keynote Presentation**  
Reinhard Priebe, Director Western Balkans, European Commission

1.00-2.00pm  
**Presentation of Task Group Recommendations**

2.00pm  
**Concluding Remarks**
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RESPONSE FORM

Date: 5-6 October 2006
Time: 8:30 am – 5 pm
Location: CSIS, 1800 K Street, NW
Washington, DC

Name___________________________  □ Yes, I plan to attend.
Title____________________________  □ No, I do not plan to attend.
Affiliation_______________________ 
Phone __________________________  Email ________________________

Please identify all portions of the agenda that you plan to attend

DAY 1, October 5, 2006
□ Introductory remarks
□ Panel 1
□ Panel 2
□ Lunch Panel with regional officials
□ Panel 3
□ Panel 4

DAY 2, October 6, 2006
□ Session on Banking and Financial Sector Reform
I will attend Taskgroup deliberations on
□ Legal reform and EU accession
□ Infrastructure
□ Trade
□ Business Promotion and Investment Opportunities

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