

Dear colleagues,

Belarus is opening a new chapter in its relations and rapprochement with the EU, including Austria and other EU Member States and the EU institutions following the recent EU Council's decisions on Belarus. In this new situation, the economic ties between the EU Member States and Belarus will contribute to growth and stability.

In order to facilitate such an approach we would like to invite you to participate in the "Promoting EU investments in Belarus" Forum in Vienna, Austria, on 24 May 2016 organized by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and supported by the European Union and Belarus.

In particular, the Forum aims at:

- Promoting the image of Belarus as a reliable partner which is open for mutually beneficial and constructive cooperation with European investors
- Informing the target audience on investment opportunities and business climate in Belarus, taking into account its competitive advantages
- Fostering direct and constructive dialogue between European investors with Belarusian companies and relevant state agencies of Belarus
- Highlighting the potential in the most dynamic spheres of the Belarusian economy through interactive presentations of various sectors that may be interesting to European investors and companies. There will be a specific focus on banking sector, ICT and sustainable construction.

The Forum will be opened by Mr. Johannes Hahn, Commissioner in charge of European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations in the European Commission, Mr. Vasily Matyushevsky, the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, Mr. Alain Pilloux, Vice President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. The Forum shall involve a vast number of Belarusian Government and business representatives as well as European companies.

There will also be an opportunity for business-to-business meetings in the Forum. These meetings will be organised as "on the spot meetings".

Attached please find the Agenda of the Forum.

We kindly ask you to use for registration the attached Registration Form.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the forum in Vienna!