



Brussels, 16 March 2007

**Subject: Invitation to the 2nd Private Sector ICT Forum under the Business Advisory Council for South Eastern Europe (BAC for SEE)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In recognition of the increasingly dynamic ICT sector in South Eastern Europe, the Business Advisory Council for South Eastern Europe (BAC for SEE) last year established a BAC-led ICT Forum of the Private Sector for Southeastern Europe. The aim of this Forum is to create an active link between the Private Sector (multinational and local ICT companies and associations) and the Public Sector (the governments of the region participating in the Stability Pact's electronic South East Europe - eSEE and broadband South East Europe - bSEE initiatives).

As part of this, the ICT Forum will also seek to establish a permanent dialogue between the broader private sector ICT community and the Stability Pact's regional initiatives. The eSEE initiative ([www.stabilitypact.org/e-see/default.asp](http://www.stabilitypact.org/e-see/default.asp)) has been working since 2000 and focuses on the enabling and regulatory environment and promoting eGovernment programs. It has effectively energized regional cooperation on the ICT agenda.

The ICT Forum is co-chaired by BAC members Dr. Vassili N. Takas, President of the Southeastern Europe Telecommunications & Informatics Research Institute (INA) and Mr. Goran Radman, Chairman of Microsoft South-East Europe, in collaboration with Stability Pact Deputy Special Coordinator, Mr. Michael Mozur.

The BAC-led ICT Forum will organize its second meeting on **Wednesday 18 April 2007 in Belgrade** during the Second Southeastern Europe Broadband 2007 – Conference and Expo ([www.seebb2007.org](http://www.seebb2007.org)).

The topics of the meeting will include the following:

- Ø Private sector concerns and priorities for ICT development in the SEE region;
- Ø Establishment of a high level component to the dialogue for the development of the Information society in SEE by including a private sector element in the eSEE/bSEE Ministerial meeting, to be held on summer 2007 in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



- The elaboration of specific Public Private Partnership models proposed by the BAC-led ICT Forum for successful project implementation to be used by eSEE Working Group and bSEE Task Force representatives on a regional or national level.

We are confident that together we will be able to exploit this unique opportunity to voice the considerations and insights of the private sector on the development of Information Society in Southeastern Europe.

We would be grateful if you could indicate your willingness to participate in the ICT Forum to Dragan Stojovic of the Stability Pact's Working Table II ([dragan.stojovic@stabilitypact.org](mailto:dragan.stojovic@stabilitypact.org)) and Ioannis Konstas of the INA Academy ([academy@inatelecom.org](mailto:academy@inatelecom.org)).

We are looking forward to meeting you in Belgrade.

Yours sincerely,

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