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A letter of invitation from HE Pavol Rusko,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of the Slovak Republic

Dear Participant,

On behalf of the CEI Slovak Presidency I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the **8th CEI Summit Economic Forum (SEF)**, which will take place in Bratislava on 23-24 November 2005.

At SEF you will have the opportunity to meet industry leaders, senior government officials from the 17 CEI member countries; regional, national and international organisations; financial institutions; professionals and consultants and key business leaders. **1000 participants are expected.**

Therefore, as the **main annual event for the whole Central European region**, you will be able to make business contacts and establish co-operation on investment projects and development programmes. The SEF gives you a unique chance to discuss **structural reforms for improving business environment, development strategies for raising competitiveness**, with a special focus on **energy, infrastructure**, and **human resources**.

The event will take place over the course of **two days** and will include several **sessions, project presentations**, and **focused meetings**. Moreover, you will have the chance to meet and discuss with other participants during the many social events, like coffee breaks, lunches, evening receptions and cultural programmes.

What is unique about the SEF is that besides economic and project-based discussions, the Roundtable of CEI Ministers of the Economic Sectors and the Summit of the 17 CEI Prime Ministers (organised immediately after the SEF) will provide **an important insight into each country's policy approach to growth and an exceptional overview on current key issues of the CEI Region**.

I hope I will have the opportunity to welcome you in Slovakia in November.



Pavol Rusko



08.00 - 09.30 Registration

01 Structural Reforms: ways of improving of Business Environment	02 Development Strategies for Raising Competitiveness	03 Infrastructure for Entrepreneurship	IBA Project Room & Match-making
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09.30 - 10.00 Plenary Session / Official Opening

10.15 - 12.30

1.1 Economic and Institutional Reforms in CEI countries.	2.1 EBRD, EIB, EC Country Strategies and sector interventions for Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia.	3.1 Telecommunications. Regulatory changes. Liberalisation of markets.	IBA 01 Presentations: Renewable energy sources; Small water power plants.
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12.30 - 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 - 14.30

1.2 EBRD Transition Report: Business Environment and Enterprise Performance.	2.2 World Bank assistance strategy in the CEI region.	3.2 Human Resources. Modern education policy. Workforce mobility.	IBA 02 Seminar: Development of railway networks belonging to Corridor V. Presentation: Biotechnologies; Nanotechnologies; R&D.
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14.45 - 16.00

1.3 Knowledge Economy. Lisbon strategy. Role of R&D and Innovations.	2.3 New investment trends. High-tech investments. How to attract them?	3.3 Air transport: experience of privatisations and concessions of airports in CEI countries.	IBA 03 Presentations: Information technology; E-business; Telecommunications.
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16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 19.00

1.4 New Challenges of Global Competition on industrial Sectors.	2.4 Country Strategies and sector interventions for the Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro.	3.4 Public Private Partnerships: lessons learned and opportunities for the region.	IBA 04 Seminar: Procurement. How to do business with EBRD in Public and Private sector projects in CEI countries. Presentations: Tourism; Spa & Wellness; Real Estate; Rural development.
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19.00 - 22.00 Concert and Evening Reception

Day 02 / Thursday 24 November 2005

09.00 - 10.30

1.5 Privatisation in CEI countries.	2.5 Industrial policy and competition policy for ensuring economic growth. New challenges and perspectives.	3.5 Natural monopoly – network branches. State or private owner?	IBA 05 Seminar: CECCI Seminar on agribusiness: focus on brand protection regulations Presentations: EU funding, Structural and Cohesion funds.
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10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.30

1.6 Improving Business Environment. Raising the Competitiveness of SMEs and Large Businesses. Support Schemes. Access to Financing.	2.6 Investment case studies in key sectors. Investors' experiences.	3.6 Challenges and perspective of energy sector in CEI countries. Reaching self sufficiency in energy sector. Future of the renewable energy sources.	IBA 06 Seminar: CECCI Seminar on agribusiness: focus on brand marketing.
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12.30 - 13.30 Lunch Break

16.30 - 19.00

1.7 Bilateral meetings.	2.7 Bilateral meetings.	3.7 Bilateral meetings.	IBA 07 Seminar: Roundtable of Insurance Regulators.
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14.30 - 16.30

Roundtable of the CEI Ministers of Economic Sectors (17 Ministers plus 10 special guests)

16.30 - 17.30

Plenary Session / Closing Ceremony & Press Conference

19.00 - 22.00

Evening Reception



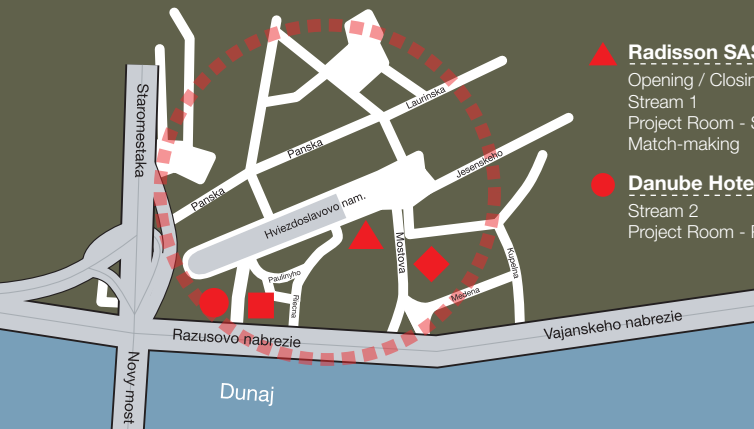
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Opening / Closing Ceremony
 Stream 1
 Project Room - Seminars
 Match-making

● **Danube Hotel**

Stream 2
 Project Room - Project Presentations

■ **Devin Hotel**

Stream 3

◆ **Slovak Philharmonic**

Registration / Accreditation
 Roundtable of the CEI Ministers
 of Economic Sectors
 Evening Receptions / Concert