Stuttgart Agenda: 27th February 2014

18:15 - 19:00
Drinks reception

19:00 - 19:05
Opening Remarks
Courtney Fingar, Editor fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

19:05 - 19:20
Keynote Government Address: Macedonia as an Investment Location

- Introducing Macedonia
- Macedonia’s political, economic, financial and business climate
- Why foreign businesses invest there

Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister, Republic of Macedonia

19:20 - 20:15
Dinner: First and Second Courses Served

20:15 - 21:00
Brief speeches followed by Q&A with guests: Turning Investment Opportunities into Realities
Topics to be covered, based on real-life experience, will include:

- The main opportunities for foreign direct investors in Macedonia
- Its advantages and disadvantages as a business location
- The official incentives available - grants, loans, favourable tax arrangements
- Dealing with the practicalities of setting up business there
• The difficulties that can be encountered, and how they are overcome
• The long-term business outlook for Macedonia

Zoran Stavreski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Macedonia

Thomas Panhans, Vice President, Area Management Macedonia, Deutsche Telekom; Member of the Board of Directors, Makedonski Telekom and T-Mobile

Andreas Meier, Vice President Sales EMEA, and Managing Director, KEMET Electronics Germany

Moderator: Courtney Fingar, Editor fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

21:00 - 21:25  Dessert and Coffee

21:25 - 21:35  Summary of Macedonia’s Attractions to International Businesses
Viktor Mizo, Chief Executive Officer, Free Zones Authority, Republic of Macedonia

21:35 - 21:40  Closing Remarks
Courtney Fingar, Editor fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

21:40  Formal conclusion