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16th ASIA-EUROPE BUSINESS FORUM

Connectivity - Building bridges between Europe and Asia

18 October 2018 - Egmont Palace, Brussels

PROGRAMME

08:00 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:15 Opening session

Pierre Gattaz, President of BusinessEurope

9:15 - 9:45 Keynote addresses

Dato' Lim Jock Hoi, ASEAN Secretary-General

Pavel Telička, Vice-President, European Parliament

9:45 - 10:45 Panel 1

What does business need from ASEM governments to respond to future challenges?

Including topics such as: innovation, digitalisation, skills shortage and education

- Robert Schoellhammer, Representative for Europe, Asian Development Bank
- Thanh Do Tran, General Director of T & T Liquefied Power and Gas Company
- Markus J. Beyrer, Director General, BusinessEurope
- Lars Brückner, Director of EU Public Affairs, NEC Europe

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 11:30 Presentation of the **EU Connectivity Strategy**

Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport

11:30 – 12:30 Panel 2

What is the role of business in building bridges?

Including topics such as: trade, infrastructure, energy, sustainability, connectivity

- Ramkumar Dhruva, President Asia-Pacific, BASF
- Aleksey Grom, President, Eurasian Rail Alliance (UTLC ERA)
- Maxim Donde, Vice-President for Petroleum Product Sales, Lukoil
- Manuel Pauser, Senior Director Global Government Affairs, Adidas

12:30 – 13:15 Keynote addresses

Nguyễn Xuân Phúc, Prime Minister of Vietnam
Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway

13:15 – 14:30 Networking Lunch

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