1. German-Moldovan Business Forum

Date: Friday, 16 October 2026
Time: 09:00 – 17:00
Venue: BDI, Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Berlin
Organiser: German Eastern Business Association (OA), German-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Romania)
Partners: GET, dena, Invest in Moldova, GTAI, AWE
Participants: ca. 70
Working language: English

PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 – 09:10 | Official opening & welcome

Michael HARMS, Managing Director, German Eastern Business Association

Dr. Petru RUSET, Vice President, German-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Romania)

09:10 – 09:40 | Keynote speeches

"Economic Transformation and New Opportunities for German-Moldovan Cooperation"

Claudiu-Iulius-Gavril NĂSUI, Minister of Economic Development and Digitalisation of the Republic of Moldova
Johann SAATHOFF, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ

09:40 – 09:55 | Keynote: Economic Outlook for Moldova

Dr Ricardo GIUCCI, Managing Director, Berlin Economics

09:55 – 10:05 | Keynote: Investment potential & framework conditions

Mihai BURUNCIUC, Deputy Director, Invest Moldova Agency

10:05 – 10:50 | Panel discussion 1: Manufacturing & Industrial Excellence

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Oleg BIVOL, State Secretary, the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization
Annette KNOBLOCH, Deputy Director of the Division for Foreign Trade, Economic Security, and Sanctions Policy, Federal Foreign Office
Vadim BUBULICI, Head of Professional Education Moldova, DRÄXLMAIER Group
Eduard MUSUC, CEO, iDomus

Moderator: Mihai BURUNCIUC, Deputy Director, Invest Moldova Agency

10:50 – 11:15 I Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00 I Panel discussion 2: Energy supply & renewable energy

Nicolae MAGDÎL, The head of Renewable Energy Sources Department, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova
Claudia HERMES, Country Director, Country Office Republic of Moldova, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Petru RUSET, Managing Director, Siemens Energy Romania
Vlad PUSCA, CEO, WindRise

Moderator: Alina KUNDE, Consultant, Project Manager and Country Coordinator for Moldova, GET

12:00 – 12:45 | Panel discussion 3: Agriculture, agri-food, livestock & food processing

Dr. Mike EBERLE, CEO of Sugar Division, Südzucker AG
Dr. Hansjörg VOLLMER, Co-Founder, Intech Clean Energy
Victor POPARCEA, Investment Promotion Officer, Invest in Moldova

Moderator: Dr Per BRODERSEN, Managing Director, German Agribusiness Alliance – GAA

12:45–14:00 | Lunch break

14:00 – 14:45 | Panel Discussion 4: Global Business Services & the Digital Economy

George TEODORESCU, Board Member, Moldova Innovation Technology Park
Simon OBSTBAUM, Founder, Yopeso
Dr. Roman BELTER, COO, AppsFactory
Gheorghe GHIRJEV, CEO BSW-Tech

Moderator: Marina BZOVII, Director, Moldova Innovation Technology Park

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14:45 – 15:30 I Panel discussion 5: Construction & Infrastructure

Sergiu GUTU, Deputy Country Director, KfW Moldova
Stefan BIRAU, CEO, Holcim/Lafarge MDA
Dr Florian ALDEA, Director General, Heidelberg Materials România S.A. (tbc)

Moderator: Axel LOHSE, Head of CIS/South-Eastern Europe, GTAI

15:30 – 17:00 | Networking reception

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