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TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	ROLE	NAME	POSITION	ORGANISATION	STATUS
09:00 - 09:30	1. OPENING	Opening Address	Speaker	Rumen Radev	Prime Minister	Government of the Republic of Bulgaria	● INVITED
		Welcome Address	Speaker	H.E. Nathaniel Copsey	UK Ambassador	British Embassy Sofia	● CONFIRMED
		Trakia Silicon Valley	Speaker	Eng Krassimir Petkov	CEO	Milara International	● CONFIRMED
09:30 - 11:30	2. SETTING THE SCENE	Opening of the Keynote Sessions	Chairman	Prof Eliza Stefanova	Rector	SU “St. Kliment Ohridski”	● CONFIRMED
		The State of Semiconductor Technology	Keynote	Jenifer Walls	CEO	Clas-Sic	● CONFIRMED
		The Global Semiconductor Market Landscape	Keynote	Poshun Chiu	Principal Analyst - Compound Semiconductor	Yole Group	● CONFIRMED
		The Green Semiconductor Manufacturing Corridor	Keynote	Prof Asen Asenov	James Watt Professor of Electrical Engineering	University of Glasgow	● CONFIRMED
11:30 - 12:30	3. GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE	Opening	Chairman	Atanas Pekanov	Former Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria	Government of the Republic of Bulgaria	● INVITED
		Bulgaria’s Vision for Microelectronics	Keynote	Alexander Pulev	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Investments and Industry	Ministry of Economy, Investments and Industry	● INVITED
		Panel	Moderator	Krassimir Kiriakov	Head of the Economic and Commercial Department	Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in London	● CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Tim Buisseret	Country Director, Trade & Investment	British Embassy Sofia / BIST Department	● CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Dimitar Enchev	Co-founder and CEO; Managing Partner	CWP Global; PostScriptum Ventures S.à r.l.	● CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Prof Martin Vechev	Founder and Scientific Director	INSAIT - Institute for Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence and Technology	● INVITED



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Participation confirmed



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Invitation sent / awaiting response



VIDEO MESSAGE

Pre-recorded contribution

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13:30 - 14:30	4. REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES	Opening	Chairman	Prof George Angelov	Professor in Microelectronics	Technical University Sofia	 CONFIRMED
		From the European Chips Act towards Chips Act 2.0	Video Message	Ekaterina Zaharieva	European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation	European Commission	 VIDEO MESSAGE
		Enabling Europe's Next Industrial Ecosystem	Keynote	Dr Jason Jung	Policy Officer Microelectronics & Photonics Industry	DG CONNECT, European Commission	 CONFIRMED
		Panel	Moderator	Prof George Angelov	Professor in Microelectronics	Technical University Sofia	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Ahmet Solmaz	HIT30 Program Director	Ministry of Industry and Technology	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Mihail Iliev	Executive Director of Research & Development & Innovation Consortium	Sofia Tech Park JSC	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Assoc Prof Dimitar Nikolov, PhD	Associate Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering; Laboratory Head, MINOLab	Chips Centre of Competence Bulgaria (C3BG)	 CONFIRMED
14:30 - 15:30	5. INVESTMENT PROJECTS	Opening	Panelist	Ivan Mihaylov	Executive Director; Chairman of the Supervisory Board	American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria; Sofia Tech Park JSC	 CONFIRMED
			Chairman	Dr Boyko Takov	Executive Director	Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency; OECD National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct	 CONFIRMED
			Keynote	Ovanes Kasabyan	CEO	Green Silicon Carbide Manufacturing	 CONFIRMED
		Green Silicon Carbide Manufacturing	Keynote	Dimitar Bojanski	CEO	Trakia Silicon Valley	 CONFIRMED
		Trakia Silicon Valley	Keynote	Prof Matthew Maynard	Director	Semiconductor Advanced Packaging and Investment Company (SAPIC)	 CONFIRMED
		Showcase Projects	Keynote	Hüseyin Kızıl	CEO	TUYAR	 CONFIRMED
		Start-ups	Start-Up	Viktor Bilyanski	Founder & CEO	EL2	 CONFIRMED
			Start-Up	Angel Angelov	Founder & CEO	VOLTS	 CONFIRMED
			Start-Up	Kaan Yapici	CEO	Beespenser	 CONFIRMED
			Start-Up	Korkut Tokgoz	CEO	Inter-K Microsystems / Nar Microsystems	 CONFIRMED
15:30 - 16:30	6. INVESTORS' PERSPECTIVE	Opening	Chairman	Martin Gikov	Country Officer	International Finance Corporation (IFC)	 INVITED
		Investment Funds Targeting the Semiconductor Sector	Keynote	Sean Redmond	President	Silicon Catalyst Europe	 CONFIRMED
		Panel	Moderator	Elif Tepeli	Director	Sabancı University	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Moshe Zalcberg	Managing Partner	Silicon Catalyst Israel	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Victor Alexov	Principal Banker	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Poshun Chiu	Principal Analyst - Compound Semiconductor	Yole Group	 CONFIRMED
			Panelist	Kamen Slavov	Co-Founder	FINGROW	 CONFIRMED



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