

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)

Partners: GET, dena, Invest in Moldova, GTAI, AHK Rumanian (tbc)

Participants: ca. 70

Working language: English

PROGRAMME

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

09:00 – 09:05 | Official opening & welcome

Michael HARMS, Managing Director, German Eastern Business Association

09:05 – 09:45 | Keynote speeches

“Economic Transformation and New Opportunities for German-Moldovan Cooperation”

Eugeniu OSMOCHESCU, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Development and Digitalisation (confirmed)

Johann SAATHOFF, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ (confirmed)

09:45 – 09:55 | Keynote: Economic Outlook for Moldova

Dr Ricardo GUICCI, Managing Director, Berlin Economics (confirmed)

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

Mihai BURUNCIUC, Deputy Director, Invest in Moldova (confirmed)

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

Christoph ISRANG, Director-General for Europe, Federal Foreign Office

Manfred Wilhelm THUMLER, Founder, GRIP-ENGINEERING S.R.L.

Ruslan CUNUP, CEO, Steinel Electronic Moldova

N.N., Dräxlmaier Automotive

Moderator: Mihai BURUNCIUC, Deputy Director, Invest in Moldova (confirmed)

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10:50 – 11:15 | Coffee break

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

Gerlind HECKMANN, Head of Sub-Department, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy – BMWI

N.N., the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova

N.N., Siemens Energy

N.N., ENERTRAG

N.N., Premier Energy MDA

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

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

N.N., the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova

Ferdinand EHLE, Vice President, Sales Management Tractors & Implements – EAST, CLAAS Global Sales GmbH

Klaus SICKING, Founder & CEO, B.M.O. GRUP S.R.L.

N.N., Südzucker Moldova

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

12:45–14:00 | Lunch break

14:00 – 14:45 | Panel discussion 4: Construction & Infrastructure

N.N., the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Kazimir BUZIKEVICH, Managing Director, KNAUF - Gips S.R.L.

Boris CRIVOI, Business Unit Manager, Vetropack Chisinau S.A.

Dr Florian ALDEA, Director General, Heidelberg Materials România S.A.

N.N. Holcim/Lafarge MDA

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

14:45 – 15:30 | Panel Discussion 5: Global Business Services & the Digital Economy

Michelle ILIEV, State Secretary, Ministry for Economic Development and Digitalisation

Simon OBSTBAUM, Founder, Yopeso

Alex TROMMEN, CEO, AppsFactory

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Dr Christian SCHNEIDER, Systemis AG

Moderator: Marina BZOVII, Director, Moldova Innovation Technology Park (confirmed)

15:30 – 17:00 | Networking reception

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