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Plovdiv Regional Roundtable

USA-Bulgaria: Economic Partnership for More Business Opportunities

March 29, 2017, Culture House Boris Hristov, Conference room

12:30-13:00 Registration & welcome coffee

13:00-13:30 Opening

Alex Nestor, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria

Ivan Totev, Mayor, Plovdiv Municipality (tbc)

Maria Galindo, Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Embassy in

Sofia

13:30-14:30 The U.S. Embassy: promoting bilateral trade and investment

Stanislava Dimitrova, Senior Commercial Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Embassy

in Sofia

Kate McGeary, Consul General, U.S. Embassy

14:00-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Ploydiv: regional economic climate and local business opportunities.

Stefan Stoyanov, Deputy Mayor - Regional programs and projects. Services for the business. Milen Raikov, Partner, Tax & Law EY (Ernst & Young) Bulgaria— What are the investors'

challenges.

Plamen Zhechev, Manager Public Sector, Cisco Bulgaria – ICT and innovations. Smart Cities.

The local business. Education and human capital development.

Petar Ganev, Senior Economist, Institute for Market Economics - Regional Profiles: Indicators

for Development

16:30-18:00 Networking Cocktail

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