**CEI Business Forum**

**Energy Efficient and Ecological Technologies**

**4 December 2017, Minsk, Belarus**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

The Central European Initiative (CEI) is a regional intergovernmental forum open to change, committed to supporting European integration through cooperation between and among its Member States and with the European Union, governmental and public organizations, private sector, as well as international organizations.

The CEI Plan of Action 2014-2017 identified sustainable economy and development, including such issues as transport and logistics, SMEs and business development, energy efficiency and renewable energy, climate change, as key priorities for cooperation and provides strategic approach to regional cooperation, definable as:

project-oriented, based on concrete actions for the benefit of the CEI Member States;

flexible, quickly adaptable and adjustable to the fast-changing European landscape;

meant to promote complementarities, while avoiding fragmentation and dispersion of efforts and resources in CEI region;

providing for structural harmonization and integration among various CEI activities, while ensuring sustainability of previous projects.

In view of the CEI Belarusian Presidency in 2017 and in order to strengthen regional cooperation between Austria, Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Croatia, Montenegro and the Czech Republic on the 4th of December, 2017, the CEI Business Forum Energy Efficient and Ecological Technologies will be held in Minsk.

**Business Forum objective is** the presentation of modern energy-efficient and environmentally friendly technologies to achieve sustainable social and economic development in the CEI region.

**Participants:** representatives of state organizations, business community and academia from the CEI countries, international financial organizations (World Bank, EBRD).

**CEI Member States:** Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

**Venue:** President hotel, Minsk, 18 Kyrova Str. (<http://www.president-hotel.by/ru>)

**Date and duration:** 900-1700 4 December 2017.

**Participation options:** intervention within thematical sessions, participation without an intervention at plenary and thematical sessions.

**Working languages:** Russian, English, a simultaneous translation will be provided.

**Expected number of participants:** up to 200.

**Cost of participation:** participation in the business forum is free of charge. All the costs related to the participation in the business forum (accommodation, transport and subsistence allowance) are covered by seconding organization.

**Registration:** to participatein the Business Forum, please fill-in the registration form and send it by e-mail to ncm@icetrade.by, fer.dee@gosstandart.gov.by **by 20 November 2017.**

**Visa:** Since February 2017Belarus introduced a 5-days visa-free regime for foreign citizens of 80 countries in case of arrival and departure through the Minsk National Airport. More detailed information is on the web-sites:<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/c4bbfb78b29bccdc.html> and <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>.

**Organizers:**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (<http://mfa.gov.by/>)

National Centre for Marketing of the Republic of Belarus (<http://ncmps.by/>)

State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus (<http://www.gosstandart.gov.by/>)

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