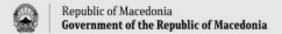
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## **Dusseldorf Agenda: 26th February 2014**

18:15 - 19:00 **Drinks reception** 

19:00 - 19:05 **Opening Remarks** 

Courtney Fingar, Editor fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

19:05 - 19:20 Keynote Government Address: Macedonia as an Investment Location

- Introducing Macedonia
- Macedonia's political, economic, financial and business climate
- Why foreign businesses invest there

Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister, Republic of Macedonia

19:20 - 20:15 Dinner: First and Second Courses Served

20:15 - 21:00 Brief speeches followed by Q&A with guests: Turning Investment Opportunities into Realities

Topics to be covered, based on real-life experience, will include:

- The main opportunities for foreign direct investors in Macedonia
- Its advantages and disadvantages as a business location
- The official incentives available grants, loans, favourable tax arrangements
- Dealing with the practicalities of setting up business there

- The difficulties that can be encountered, and how they are overcome
- The long-term business outlook for Macedonia

Zoran Stavreski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Macedonia

**Thomas Panhans**, Vice President, Area Management Macedonia, *Deutsche Telekom; Member of the Board of Directors, Makedonski Telekom and T-Mobile Macedonia* 

Andreas Meier, Vice President Sales EMEA, and Managing Director, KEMET Electronics Germany

Moderator: Courtney Fingar, Editor fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group

21:00 - 21:25	Dessert and Coffee
21:25 - 21:35	Summary of Macedonia's Attractions to International Businesses Viktor Mizo, Chief Executive Officer, Free Zones Authority, Republic of Macedonia
21:35 - 21:40	Closing Remarks Courtney Fingar, Editor fDi Magazine, Financial Times Group
21:40	Formal conclusion