



## INITIAL INFORMATION ON 3SEAS BUSINESS FORUM IN VILNIUS 2024

*As of December 7, 2023*

**Date:** 2024 April 11, full-day

**Location:** Conference facilities in the center of Vilnius (*to be announced later*)

**Start of public communication:** January 2024 (*official website, registration and publishing of relevant information*)

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**Expected general mindset of the Forum:** How to strengthen resilience and stability of the business environment using innovations and technological advancement?

### **Business Forum structure and topic guidelines:**

- Expected 6 business panels. Each panel will include keynote address (or presentation) and moderated discussion among dedicated speakers.
- Important Note: Panel of Heads of States within Business Forum on geopolitical issues and solutions to foster resilience and stability of the business environment expected to take place at 11:00 am.
- General notice as regards all the panel discussions: key speakers, contributing public and private organizations, final modifications of the discussion panels are under discussion with various stakeholders.
- Brief overview of thematic panels:
  - **Panel discussion on energy transformation and net-zero technologies.** Expected topics to be unveiled: Unlocking the business potential by fostering Net-Zero Industries / The Future of Hydrogen / Extensive expansion of renewable electricity in the 3Seas region as a pathway towards early decarbonization. Expected contribution to this panel from the European Commission, strategic 3Seas partners Germany and other stakeholders / partners.
  - **Panel discussion on digital innovations and cybersecurity ecosystems.** Expected topics to be unveiled: Low Earth Orbit Economy / Building strong cyber security systems / Using artificial intelligence and other cutting-edge technologies to solve real-world problems. Expected contribution to this panel from the International Telecommunication Union, strategic 3Seas partner USA and other stakeholders / partners.
  - **Panel discussion on transport transformation.** Expected topics to be unveiled: New mobility challenges / Reshuffling transport corridors and the role of the 3Seas region / Future of logistics sector. Expected contribution to this panel from 3Seas strategic partner European Commission and other stakeholders / partners.

- **Panel discussion on financial instruments.** Expected topics to be unveiled: Evolution of the 3SI Investment Fund / New approaches to overcome project funding gaps / Financial sector innovations. Expected contribution to this panel from the 3SI Investment Fund Board / Investment Adviser, large development banks, Fintech industry, other stakeholders / partners.
- **Panel discussion on Ukraine's reconstruction.** Expected topics to be unveiled: Comprehensive view of a successful Ukraine reconstruction / Rebuilding Ukraine using smart-city solutions. Expected contribution to this panel from 3Seas associate member Ukraine, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Transport Forum at the OECD, and other stakeholders / partners.

### **BUSINESS TO BUSINESS (B2B) SESSIONS**

It is an especially important part of the business program. Possibilities for B2B conversations will be created within the business forum venue (including registration tools) throughout the day in the margins of the Forum.

In order to execute most productive sessions, **B2B sessions will be concentrated on two main business industry blocks:**

- **(I) B2B for Business companies involved in net-zero industries for sustainable energy resilience**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar technologies</li> <li>• On-shore and off-shore renewable technologies</li> <li>• Battery/storage technologies</li> <li>• Heat pumps</li> <li>• Electrolysers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biogas/Biomethane technologies</li> <li>• Carbon capture and storage technologies</li> <li>• Grid technologies</li> <li>• E-mobility</li> <li>• Other related</li> </ul>
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- **(II) B2B for Business companies involved in advanced technologies and innovations for digital transformation and resilience**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial technologies</li> <li>• Cybersecurity technologies</li> <li>• Artificial intelligence</li> <li>• Quantum computing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosmic technologies</li> <li>• Lasers</li> <li>• Advanced information technologies</li> <li>• Other related</li> </ul>
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