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Opportunities brought by the EU free trade agreements and challenges encountered by business people. How can we capitalize on the EU trade policy?

Date and time: 09.00 – 12.15, September 17, 2019,

Venue: CCIR Business Center, Octavian Goga Blvd, no. 2, Bucharest

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Times	Activity
09.00 – 09.30	Registration, Coffee & Networking
09.30 – 9.35	Panel discussion (1) - Mihai Daraban , President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania - <i>Welcoming remarks</i>
09.35 – 09.45	- Ştefan-Radu Oprea , Minister for Business Environment, Commerce and Entrepreneurship - <i>State of play of EU-Canada CETA, EU-Japan EPA, Trade and investment agreements EU-Vietnam and EU-Mercosur trade agreement. The impact on Romania and future prospects.</i>
09.45 – 09.55	- Lucian Cernat (TBC), Chief Economist, DG Trade, European Commission - <i>EU's FTAs implementation: challenges and solutions. Benefits and opportunities for SMEs.</i>
09.55 – 10.05	- Canadian expert (TBD) - <i>The impact of CETA on business people. Tools to enhance Romania-Canada bilateral trade relations.</i>
10.05 – 10.15	- Japanese expert (TBD) - <i>EU-Japan EPA implementation. What has been done so far?</i>
10.15 – 10.25	Q&A session
10.25 – 10.35	Coffee break & Networking

<p>10.35 – 10.45</p> <p>10.45 – 10.55</p> <p>10.55 – 11.05</p> <p>11.05 – 11.40</p>	<p>Panel discussion (2)</p> <p>- Adrian Videanu (TBC), Director, Directorate for Surveillance and Customs Control, General Customs Directorate – <i>Challenges encountered in the implementation process of the EU-Canada CETA and EU-Japan EPA in Romania.</i></p> <p>- Corina Vulpeș, Director, Marketing & Commercial, EximBank of Romania - <i>Financial instruments for Romanian SMEs</i></p> <p>EU expert on funding programs for SMEs (TBD) - <i>Improving access to international markets. Support for SMEs internationalization beyond the EU.</i></p> <p>The stories of Romanian importers and exporters from/to Canada, Japan, Vietnam and Mercosur countries.</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
<p>11.40 – 12.15</p>	<p>Snacks & Networking</p>

Moderator: Mr. Virgil Goaga, Director of Foreign Affairs Department, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania

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