

**GSIF****GREEN SEMICONDUCTORS
INVESTMENT FORUM 2026****INVEST.****INNOVATE.****IMPACT.**

Preliminary Programme

ONE DAY. ONE STAGE. ONE INVESTMENT ECOSYSTEM.

**4 NOVEMBER 2026**
WEDNESDAY**SOFIA BALKAN PALACE**
SOFIA, BULGARIA**CONFIRMED**

Participation confirmed

**INVITED**

Invitation sent / waiting response

TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	ROLE	KEY PARTICIPANTS	POSITION	ORGANISATION	STATUS	
	09:00 – 09:30	1. OPENING	• Opening Address	Speaker	Rumen Radev	Prime Minister	Government of the Republic of Bulgaria	 INVITED
			• Welcome Address	Speaker	Nathaniel Copsey	H.M. Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria	British Embassy Sofia	 CONFIRMED
	09:30 – 10:30	2. SETTING THE SCENE	• Opening of the Keynote Sessions	Chairman	Prof. Eliza Stefanova	Rector	SU “St. Kliment Ohridski”	 CONFIRMED
			• State of Semiconductor Technology	Keynote	Patrick Vandenameele	CEO	IMEC	 INVITED
			• Global Semiconductor Market Landscape	Keynote	Jerome Azemar	Project Development Director	Yole Group	 CONFIRMED
			• Green Semiconductor Manufacturing Corridor	Keynote	Prof. Asen Asenov	James Watt Professor of Electrical Engineering at University of Glasgow	University of Glasgow	 CONFIRMED
	10:30 – 11:30	3. GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE	• Bulgaria’s Vision for Microelectronics	Keynote	Alexander Pulev	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Investments and Industry	Ministry of Economy, Investments and Industry	 INVITED
			• Panel Discussion	Moderator	Krassimir Kiriakov	Head of the Economic and Commercial department	Embassy of Republic of Bulgaria in London	 CONFIRMED
				Panelist	Tim Buisseret	Country Director, Trade & Investment	British Embassy Sofia / BIST Department	 CONFIRMED
	11:30 – 12:30	4. REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES	• From the European Chips Act towards Chips Act 2.0	Keynote	Ekaterina Zaharieva	European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation	European Commission	 INVITED
			• Panel Discussion	Moderator	Prof. Georgi Angelov	Professor in Microelectronics	Technical University Sofia	 CONFIRMED
				Panelist	Raj Gawera	COO	UK Semiconductor Centre	 INVITED
				Panelist	Mark Western	Technology Sector Team Leader	Scottish Enterprise	 INVITED
				Panelist	Ahmet Solmaz	HIT30 Program Director	Ministry of Industry and Technology	 CONFIRMED
	13:30 – 15:00	5. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROJECTS SHOWCASE	• The Trakia Silicon Valley Project	Speaker	Krassimir Petkov	CEO	Milara International	 CONFIRMED
				Speaker	Dimitar Bojanski	CEO	Trakia Silicon Valley (TSV)	 CONFIRMED
			• Investment Projects Showcase	Speaker	Ovanes Kasabyan	CEO	Green Silicon Carbide Manufacturing (GSCM)	 CONFIRMED
				Speaker	Krassimir Petkov	CTO	Trakia Silicon Valley Automation	 CONFIRMED
				Speaker	Prof. Matthew Maynard	Founder	Semiconductor Advanced Packaging and Investment Company (SAPIC)	 CONFIRMED
	15:00 – 16:00	6. INVESTORS’ PERSPECTIVE	• Investment Funds Targeting the Semiconductor Sector	Keynote	Sean Redmond	President	Silicon Catalyst Europe	 CONFIRMED
				Moderator	Elif Tepeli	Director	Sabancı University	 CONFIRMED
			• Panel Discussion	Panelist	Matt Boyle	Head of Product, Design & Engineering	National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS)	 CONFIRMED
				Panelist	Moshe Zalcborg	Managing Partner	Silicon Catalyst Israel	 CONFIRMED
				Panelist	Manuela Naessl	Head Bulgaria	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	 INVITED
				Panelist	Angel Ivanov	Executive Director	InvestBulgaria Agency	 INVITED

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