



Smart Growth, Green Future: Accelerating Investment in Montenegro (AIM)

Logistics note

The Chedi Luštica Bay, Montenegro

14 – 15 October 2025

Conference information

The event will bring together government officials, European institutions, international financial institutions, private sector leaders, and national decision-makers to showcase investment opportunities and regulatory reforms.

Venue Address: The Chedi Luštica Bay, Marina Promenade, 85323 Radovići, Montenegro

Languages: English and Montenegrin will be the working languages. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Registration

For security reasons, all participants must be registered before the start of the AIM Conference. Badges will be issued to registered participants and must be worn visibly at all times during the event. Badges will be available for collection from 13 October at the AIM registration desk at The Chedi Luštica Bay. Please ensure to bring photo identification with you.

Access to the venue

Venue website: [The Chedi Luštica Bay – Official Website](#)

Venue map: Google Maps – [The Chedi Luštica Bay](#)

Airports

- **Tivat International Airport (TIV, Montenegro)** – approximately **20 minutes** by car. (Most convenient and recommended option if available).
- **Dubrovnik International Airport (DBV, Croatia)** – approximately **2 hours** by car, depending on border crossing times.
- **Podgorica International Airport (PGD, Montenegro)** – approximately **3 hours** by car, due to current roadworks around Budva.

Transfers

- The hotel also provides private transfers upon request (events@thechedilusticabay.com / +382 (32) 661 266).

Accommodation

The AIM Secretariat has negotiated preferential rates for participants at The Chedi Luštica Bay (conference venue) and nearby residences. These exclusive rates are available only to registered AIM participants and should be booked directly with the hotel. Participants are responsible for covering their own accommodation costs. In order to book your accommodation, please contact the following email address: events@thechedilusticabay.com, and refer to the booking code: **AIM2025** for the preferential rate. You should receive a reply within 24h.



The flat rate for the Hotel is as follows:

- Single use, BB: EUR 175 +10% service charge per room/ per day.
- Double use, BB: EUR 195 +10% service charge per room/ per day.

As for the residencies (vacation home units):

- Marina village
 - Studio: EUR 147 per unit/ per day.
 - One bedroom: EUR 213 per unit/ per day.
 - Two bedrooms: EUR 280 per unit/ per day.
- Centrale
 - Studio: EUR 118 per unit/ per day
 - Bedroom: EUR 156 per unit/ per day

All the rates in the vacation home units are inclusive of breakfast at The Chedi.

All guests' stays are also subject to local tax, which is EUR 1 per person/ per night.

Timing

Participants should arrive on **Monday, 13 October 2025** and stay the night before the official opening. All participants are invited to a **welcome reception at the Chedi Hotel from 18:00 to 20:00**. The main conference will conclude by lunchtime on **Wednesday, 15 October 2025**, and participants are encouraged to plan their departure accordingly.

General information

Time difference

Montenegro is located in the Central European Summer Time Zone (**UTC +02:00**) during October, 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, and 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Weather

In October, the average coastal temperature in Montenegro ranges between **16°C at night** and **26°C during the day**. Weather is generally mild and sunny, though light rain is possible.

Computer and communication

Participants are encouraged to bring their personal laptops. Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi will be available throughout The Chedi Luštica Bay and its conference facilities.

Currency exchange

The official currency of Montenegro is the **Euro (EUR)**. ATMs and currency exchange offices are widely available in Tivat, Podgorica, and at the airports as well at the conference premises. Major international debit/credit cards (Visa, MasterCard) are accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops. Smaller family-run businesses may prefer cash.

Electricity

Montenegro operates on a **220–240 volt** electricity supply with a frequency of **50 Hz**. The standard plug types are **Type C** (European 2-pin) and **Type F** (Schuko).

Participants from most European countries will be able to use their devices without an adapter. Participants travelling from outside Europe (e.g., North America, UK, or Asia) should bring a suitable plug adapter.



Taxis

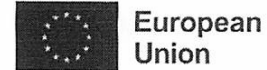
Only licensed taxis or hotel-arranged transfers are recommended for travel.

Medical advice

Tap water in Montenegro is generally safe to drink, though bottled water is readily available. Participants are advised to have valid international medical insurance, including repatriation.

Emergency numbers

- 112 – General emergency (all services)
- 122 – Police services
- 123 – Fire services
- 124 – Ambulance services
- Luštica Bay Medica is available on site and can be reached through the Hotel reception.



Annexe – Draft agenda of the conference

DAY 0: Arrival & welcome

13 October 2025

18:00 – 20:00 Welcome drink & informal networking

A relaxed evening for early-arriving participants to connect with fellow participants in an informal setting, while setting the stage for discussions on Montenegro's Smart Growth and Green Future.

DAY 1: High-Level Forum (Plenary)

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08:30 – 09:00 Registration & networking breakfast

09:00 – 09:30 Opening ceremony & welcome remarks

- 09:00 - **Milojko Spajić, Prime Minister of Montenegro** – Vision for Green Growth & EU Accession
- 09:10 - **Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission** – EU's Strategic View on Montenegro's investment value proposition in the context of EU accession
- 09:25 - **Short Film: "Montenegro 2030 – Smart growth, green future" (3-min visual teaser)**

09:30 – 09:45 Launch ceremony of the investment MoUs/Sustainable Investment Partnerships and group photos

- Launch of MoUs between key company CEOs and the Prime Minister of Montenegro
- Launch of four Sustainable Investment Partnerships

09:45 – 10:20 Coffee break and press conference

10:30 – 11:30 Keynote panel: Accelerating the Western Balkans' green and smart growth Overview:

This session sets the tone for the conference by exploring how strategic public investment, regional cooperation, and EU alignment can transform the Western Balkans—with Montenegro at the forefront—into a destination for sustainable capital. The discussion will emphasise cross-sector transformation in energy, infrastructure, and climate resilience, while presenting models of how governments, IFIs, and private actors can co-finance the green and smart growth at scale.

Speakers:

- Milojko Spajić, Prime Minister of Montenegro
- Mathieu Bousquet, Director of DG ENEST, EC
- József Váradi, CEO, WizzAir
- Bruno Bensasson, CEO, Akuo Energy
- Charlotte Ruhe, Managing Director for Central and South-Eastern Europe, EBRD

Moderator:

- Biljana Braithwaite, Founding Partner of Sustineri Partners and Chair of Women on Boards Adria (WOBA)



11:30 – 12:45 Renewables: Scaling Montenegro's energy transition

Overview:

Montenegro's ambitious goal of becoming a regional clean energy leader is driving a rapid expansion of renewable energy generation, grid modernisation, and storage solutions. The panel will explore how regulatory reforms, advanced technologies, and financing structures can accelerate the deployment of solar, wind, and hydropower, while supporting the integration of distributed energy and cross-border energy trading within the EU market.

Speakers :

- Admir Šahmanović, Minister of Energy & Mining, Montenegro
- Nemanja Mikać, CEO, ElevenEs
- Yann Guinard, Director of Development for Europe, EDF
- Louis Blanchard, President, Qair Energy
- Remon Zakaria, Head of EBRD in Montenegro
- Senior representative from Alcazar Energy
- Senior representative from Terna

Moderator:

- Adam Cwetsch, Head of European Green Deal Unit, Energy Community Secretariat

12:45 – 14:00 Networking lunch & exhibit visits

14:00 – 15:15 Unlocking sustainable agribusiness & tourism in Montenegro

Overview:

Agriculture, tourism, and forestry are core pillars of Montenegro's economy. This panel examines how sustainability-focused practices, value chain integration, and green certification can create synergies across these sectors. The discussion will focus on aligning high-value agri-food production, sustainable forestry management, and eco-tourism to support inclusive growth and export diversification.

Speakers:

- Simonida Kordić, Minister of Tourism, Montenegro
- Dragan Bokan, CEO, Voli
- Ilija Morić, CEO Moric Farm
- Martina Dalić, President of the Management Board of Podravka Inc

Moderator:

- Richard Record, Lead Economist, Western Balkans, World Bank

14:00 – 15:15 Smart infrastructure & digital connectivity

Overview:

Modern infrastructure and digital connectivity are essential to Montenegro's ambition of becoming a logistics and data-driven hub for Southeast Europe. This session will explore how investments in ports, airports, data centres, digital platforms, and smart mobility solutions can increase competitiveness, attract FDI, and accelerate EU market integration.

Speakers:

- Majda Adžović, Minister of Public Works, Montenegro
- Stevica Čarapić, Regional Managing Director, MSC Mediterranean Shipping
- Veselin Pejović, Owner, Uniprom



- Mark Vasić, Head of International Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom
- Milan Ljiljanić, Executive Director, Monteput
- Martin Jovović, Chief Logistics Officer, NTC Logistics

Moderator:

- Maurits-Jan Prinz, Deputy Head, DG ENEST, Private Sector Engagement Unit, EC

15:15 – 16:30 Financing the green economy and regional inclusiveness

Overview:

Financing is the backbone of Montenegro's transition to a green, low-carbon economy. This panel will examine how public and private capital, blended finance, and innovative EU financial instruments can be mobilised to de-risk investments in renewable energy, circular economy, sustainable agriculture, and green infrastructure.

Speakers:

- Andela Jakšić-Stojanović, Minister of Education, Science and Innovation, Montenegro
- Martin Leberle, President of the Management Board of NLB Banka and President of the German Montenegrin Business Club
- Magdalena Kouneva, Head of Sector – EU Guarantees for Private and Sub-Sovereign Investment (Open architecture)
- Nikola Tripković, CEO and President of the Board of Directors, Development Bank of Montenegro
- Nikola Perišić, Member of the Executive Board of CKB (Crnogorska Komercijalna Banka AD Podgorica) and representative of the MFIC (Montenegrin Foreign Investors Council)
- Nemanja Laković, CEO of Coal Mine Pljevlja
- Damien Sorrell, Head of the Regional Hub for the Western Balkans, EIB

16:30 – 16:45 A partnership for action

- Joint communique on “Sustainable Investment Declaration for Montenegro”
- Statements from:
 - European Commission
 - Montenegrin government
 - Private sector consortium or chamber + IFI representatives

19:00 Evening reception (by invitation-only)

- Hosted by EU Delegation and Montenegrin Government



DAY 2: Sectoral Engagement & B2B

15 October 2025

08:00 – 09:00 Registration & networking

08:00 – 9:30 Strategic Investor Roundtable (SIR)

Overview:

The Strategic Investment Roundtable will bring together leading companies and key private sector representatives across priority sectors—renewables, agribusiness, tourism, digital, and transport—alongside chambers of commerce to exchange views on Montenegro’s recent progress and identify the most pressing policy priorities for accelerating investment. The discussion will culminate in a short review document capturing shared recommendations to guide future reforms and strategic dialogue. The Strategic Investor Roundtable is by invitation only.

9:30 – 11:00 Incubation & startup ecosystem – Towards a Station M

Overview:

Startups and innovation ecosystems are vital for diversifying Montenegro’s economy and driving high-value job creation. This panel will explore how to build a supportive incubation environment, leverage global best practices, and attract venture capital for early-stage, tech-driven companies.

Speakers :

- François Hoehlinger, Managing Director France, Plug and Play Tech Center
- Žan Dapčević, CEO and Co-Founder of Academia, IBEX Equity Partners
- Valentina Radulović, CEO, Science Technology Park of Montenegro
- Johannes Hainlein, Co-Founder, Okipa
- Stéphane Vidaillet, CEO, Wind Fisher
- Senior representative from Station F

11:00 – 12:00 Mobilising finance for high-growth & innovative SMEs

Overview :

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of Montenegro’s economy, yet access to finance remains a barrier to scaling sustainable, innovation-driven businesses. This session examines financial instruments, guarantees, and risk-sharing mechanisms tailored for SMEs in tourism, agriculture, and green industries.

Speakers:

- Anja Nagel, EC Team Leader, Private Sector Development & Green Agenda Western Balkans
- Bojana Femić-Radosavović, Executive Director, Innovation Fund of Montenegro
- Ewa Konczal, Market Building Lead, Impact Europe
- Senior representative from EBRD

12:30 – 13:30 Networking lunch

13:30 – 17:00 Animation of investment booths & bilateral meetings



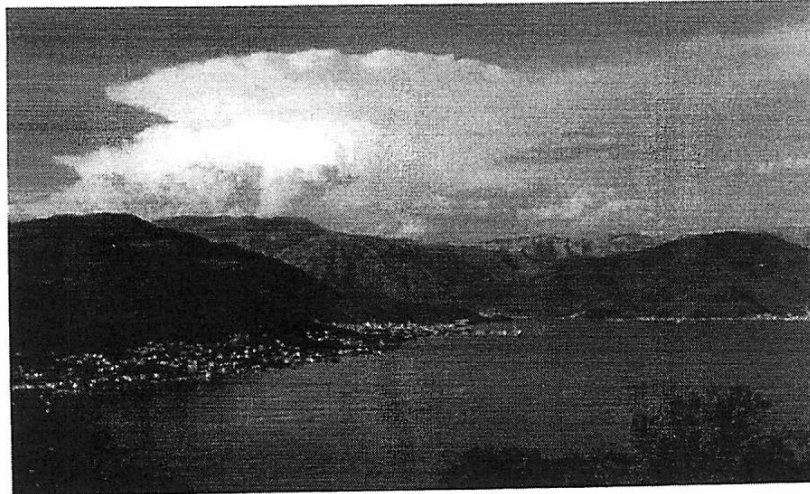
One-on-one investment meetings

- Booths by:
 - Montenegrin Investment Agency (MIA)
 - EIB, EBRD, IFC, IBRD
 - Private sector development unit of DG ENEST
 - EKO Fund, Innovation Fund
 - Selected companies with innovative value propositions (Akuo Energy, Wind Fisher, Voli...)
 - Legal/advisory firms
 - Possible pre-booking of 30-minute investor consultations



HIGH-LEVEL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE
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The objective of the high-level investment conference to accelerate **green, sustainable and value-added investment** in Montenegro, focusing on **renewable energy, sustainable agribusiness, tourism, transport, and information technology**. Positioned within the broader context of Montenegro's path toward **EU accession**, the event seeks to strengthen the country's role as a regional hub for green and digital investment in the Western Balkans.

The conference will bring together **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission, **Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (ENEST), **Milojko Spajić**, Prime Minister of Montenegro, and senior leaders from international organisations and leading companies across Europe. The conference will explore **strategic investment opportunities** in Montenegro, advance **regulatory reforms**, and build **impactful partnerships**. A particular focus will be placed on investments that align with the EU Green Deal and Montenegro's integration into the European single market.

To apply as an investor or speaker to attend the conference you may write to contact@aimconference2025.org or use the QR code below:

