

International economic forum in Lviv stirs up Ukraine's preparation to Euro-2012

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The Eighth International Economic Forum in Lviv under a motto Euro-2012 will be held in October, organizers of the forum are the City Council, the State Regional Administration and the Institute of the Regions of Europe (Austria). Its program having as its purpose solving urgent problems of economic cooperation in the context of our state's preparation to the football championship and acquainting the guests with priority proposals of the Lviv region, included thematic conferences, round tables, a land auction, a fair of investments and the real estate, excursions to relevant objects, as well as signing agreements.

As Head of the Foreign Economic Relations and Investments Department at the Lviv City Council Serhiy Kiral told, for the first time foreign specialists from the Institute of the Regions of Europe headed by Doctor Franz Schausberger have been invited to preparation works. They made many proposals that rose organization of a meeting, motto of which is European Partnership - Open Opportunities, to the world level. In particular, a block of practical issues of international economic integration was singled out related to Ukraine's WTO accession. An important accent was made on new opportunities of accession to capital markets, on arrangement of efficient cooperation between project initiators and potential investors, between the state structures and the private business. A special section concerns development of the transport infrastructure, regional and local tourism, reestablishment of cultural heritage and the role of banks in these processes.

Numerous expositions will present strategic investment projects, programs of development of territories, small and medium-sized businesses, innovation developments and financial mechanisms of attracting capital investments. In the on-line regime it will be possible to familiarize with urgent commercial offers with regard to the real estate, the primary housing market and land plots. A fair of ideas will be a special event that will take place within the framework of the Investor Day.

Just now about one hundred of foreign political figures, representatives of EU managerial bodies and business circles gave their consent to participate in the forum, Serhiy Kiral noted.

Leaders of state, central executive power authorities and people's deputies of Ukraine will arrive to an official opening ceremony. For instance, Vice Prime Minister on European Integration Hryhorii Nemyria and Polish Minister of Regional Development Elzbieta Bienkowska will be co-chairmen of the round table dedicated to problems of transregional cooperation. Among honorary reporters and participants will be President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Yavuz Mildon, Vice President of the European Investment Bank Marta Gajecka and Director of the UN Environment Program Regional Office for Europe Fritz Schlingemann. Such an event will enable not only stirring up preparation of our state to Euro-2012, but it will be an important step of Ukraine on its way to the European Union.

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