

# Budapest Economic Forum 2023 program

## Registration

### Section I. - Where are Hungary and the world headed?

Where is the Hungarian economic policy headed? Are we past the worst part of inflation? Can economic growth find a way to recover? Besides the most important Hungarian economic policymakers, we will listen to the opinions of foreign analysts and economists about Hungary and the world.

**Moderator: Krisztina Bombera**, CEO, CauseArt Platform

#### 08:15 - 08:20 Welcome Speech

Speaker:

**Zoltán Bán**, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Group)

#### 08:20 - 08:40 The future of EU funds in Hungary

Speaker:

**Dr. Tibor Navracsics**, közigazgatási és területfejlesztési miniszter,  
Magyarország Kormánya

#### 08:40 - 09:00 Energy market updates

Speaker:

**Zsolt Hernádi**, Chairman and CEO, MOL

#### 09:00 - 09:20 Is it time to stop worrying about global inflation?

Speaker:

**David Lubin**, managing director and head of emerging markets economics, Citi

#### 09:20 - 09:40 The European Outlook and Policymaking: Seeing Off Inflation and Pivoting to Longer-Term Reforms

Speaker:

**Laura Papi**, Deputy Director in the European Department, International  
Monetary Fund

**09:40 - 10:05 Financing options in an extremely high interest rate environment**

Moderator: **Péter Kuruc**, , EY

Conversation participants:

**Géza Deme**, CEO, Chairman of the Board, Széchenyi Alapok

**Zsolt Demkó-Szekeres**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Magyar Fejlesztési Bank (MFB)

**István Attila Szabó**, vezérigazgató, Garantiqa Hitelgarancia

**10:05 - 10:20 EXIM - To what extent does subsidised lending improve the economy?**

Speaker:

**Szilárd Benk**, Chief economist, EXIM Hungary

**Coffee break**

**Section II/A - Company challenges amidst the economic storm**

One of today's most important topics is the use of artificial intelligence, which is slowly being taken into account by all companies. Company leaders and businesspeople talk about how they see the economic outlook, whether they think inflationary pressures will ease, and what impact this will have on their operations.

**Moderator: Krisztina Bombera**, CEO, CauseArt Platform

**10:35 - 10:55 Are robots really taking our jobs now? Where is Artificial intelligence headed?**

Speaker:

**Nayur Khan**, Partner, QuantumBlack, AI by McKinsey

**10:55 - 11:25 Is it good to be an entrepreneur in Hungary today?**

Moderator: **Viktor Nagy**, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

Conversation participants:

**Ottó Sinkó**, Co-CEO, Videoton Holding plc.

**Balázs Várkonyi**, Founder of Extreme Digital, CEO of Vatera and Jófogás

## **11:25 - 11:40 Results of the KPMG CEO Outlook survey**

Speaker:

**Rezső Rózsai**, vezérigazgató, KPMG

## **11:40 - 12:25 Company leaders' roundtable on the survey results**

Moderator: **Rezső Rózsai**, vezérigazgató, KPMG

Conversation participants:

**Zsuzsanna Friedl**, Chief People Officer, Magyar Telekom

**Cirill Hortobágyi T.**, arch abbe, Pannonhalma Archabbey

**Szabolcs Pintér**, Managing Director, SAP Hungary Kft.

**dr. Katalin Walter**, Chief Executive Officer, BKK

## **12:25 - 13:00 Prospects for the Hungarian government bonds market**

Moderator: **Károly Beke**, Analyst, Portfolio

Conversation participants:

**Dániel Bebesy**, Senior Portfolio Manager, Budapest Alapkezelő

**Dan Bucsa PhD**, Chief CEE Economist, Unicredit Bank AG in London

**Péter Kiss**, Fixed Income Portfolio Manager, Amundi Alapkezelő Zrt.

**Zoltán Kurali**, CEO, Government Debt Management Agency

## **Section II/B - Key questions in the Hungarian economy**

The energy crisis is a thing of the past, but there are a number of important issues worth discussing in more detail. Such examples are the transformation of the labour market, where intensive wage increases and shortages of labour supply can cause headaches for economic players. In addition, it will be worth paying attention to global economic prospects that will have an effect on the lives of Hungarian enterprises and households.

**Moderator: Kata Tóth**, Conference project leader, Portfolio

## **10:30 - 10:55 Global macroeconomic prospects**

Moderator: **Bence András**, Senior Vice President, Head of Finance SWAT for EMEA, Citibank

Conversation participants:

**Tamás Móró**, vezető stratégia, Concorde Értékpapír

**Gergely Tardos**, Director, OTP Bank

### **10:55 - 11:20 The impact of Chinese capital inflows**

Moderator: **Dávid Forrás**, Executive Producer, Portfolio Podcast Lab

Conversation participants:

**Rita Szép-Tüske**, Deputy CEO, HIPA

**Balázs Szilágyi**, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited

**Ágnes Szunomár**, Associate Professor, Corvinus Egyetem

### **11:20 - 11:45 When can the Hungarian economy climb out of the hole?**

Moderator: **Péter Felfalusi**, CEO, Intrum

Conversation participants:

**Mariann Trippon**, vezető elemző, CIB Bank

**Péter Virovác**, Lead analyst, ING Bank

### **11:45 - 12:10 Labour market: where will we find workers and for how much?**

Moderator: **József Hornyák**, analyst, Portfolio

Conversation participants:

**Sándor Baja**, Managing Director Czech, Hungary, Romania, Randstad Hungary Kft.

**Katalin Erdei**, Global HR Director, Richter Gedeon Nyrt.

**Ágnes Szigetvári**, Head of HR, Diófa Alapkezelő

## **Lunch break**

## **Section III/A - Which are the most important risks at the moment?**

The economic outlook determines the directions of monetary policies and the state of the banking system. In the last part of the conference, we will mainly discuss these questions, after monetary policy updates, the now usual bank leaders' roundtable will conclude the event

**Moderator: Krisztina Bombera**, CEO, CauseArt Platform

**13:50 - 14:10 Economic and financing prospects from companies' perspective**

Speaker:

**dr. László Parragh**, Chairman, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**14:10 - 14:25 The role of subsidised loan schemes in the economy**

Speaker:

**László Krisán**, CEO, KAVOSZ Zrt.

**14:25 - 14:40 Adaptation and growth in a changing economic environment**

Speaker:

**Barna Erdélyi**, member of the Board, Waberer's

**14:40 - 15:20 Hungarian economic prospects and challenges**

Moderator: **István Madár**, Senior Analyst, Portfolio

Conversation participants:

**Péter Ákos Bod**, professor, Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem

**dr. Péter Oszkó**, alapító, vezérigazgató, OXO Holdings

**Prof. György Surányi**, Economist, Former President of the Hungarian National Bank

**15:20 - 15:35 Key findings of EIB's annual firm level survey for Hungary**

Speaker:

**Manuel Dueñas**, Head of Division, Public Sector in Central and South Eastern Europe, EIB

**15:35 - 15:50 Coffee break**

**15:50 - 16:50 Roundtable of bank leaders**

Moderator: **Zoltán Bán**, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Group)

Conversation participants:

**László Bencsik**, Deputy-CEO, OTP Bank

**Ádám Egerszegi**, Deputy CEO for Transformation, MBH Bank

**Radován Jelasity**, Chairman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, CEO, Hungarian Banking Association, Erste Bank Hungary

**Kornél Kisgergely**, CEO, EXIM Hungary

**Dr. Pál Simák**, Chairman-CEO, CIB Bank

**Spanarova Veronika**, Managing Director, Citi Country Head for Hungary, Citi

## Section III/B - How much should we fear for the Earth?

**Moderator: Kata Tóth**, Conference project leader, Portfolio

### 13:10 - 13:35 Geopolitical prospects and challenges

Moderator: **Bence Ács**, Analyst, Portfolio

Speaker:

**Dr. Ferenc Kaiser**, head of department, National University of Public Service

### 13:35 - 13:50 The future and role of mobility services in Hungary and the region

Speaker:

**Gábor Ormosy**, vezérigazgató, AutoWallis

### 13:50 - 14:00 How can carbon markets help in the fight against climate change?

Speaker:

**Bernadett Papp**, Senior Market Analyst, Pact Capital AG

### 14:00 - 14:25 Have we lost the climate war?

Moderator: **Bence András**, Senior Vice President, Head of Finance SWAT for EMEA, Citibank

Conversation participants:

**Attila Buzási**, Head Of Department, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Department of Environmental Economics and Sustainability

**András Gelencsér**, vezető, MTA Levegőkémiai Kutatócsoport, rektor, Pannon Egyetem

## Záró koccintás