

**or Competitiveness. The Basic  
Industries – a Drive for Growth”  
Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria  
January 31, 2018**

Dear Madame/ Sir,

On the occasion of the forthcoming Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the related agenda of the Ministry of Economy, it is our pleasure to invite you to the Conference **‘Innovations for competitiveness. The basic industries – a drive for growth’**. The conference is organised by representatives of the basic industries and with the support of EU partners’ organizations.

The conference will take place in hotel “MARINELA” (1407 Sofia, 100, James Bourchier Blvd.). The event will start at **14.00 pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, with opening remarks by the Bulgarian Minister of Economy.

The general directors of Eurofer, Eurometaux, CEFIC, IFIEC will be speakers in the first panel. All delegates who will take part in the Informal Council on competitiveness are invited to participate in the conference.

The conference topics are dedicated to EU policies and priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency with impact on industry’s competitiveness:

- Digital economy, high tech processes and products in the value chain
- Circular economy, investments in new products and sustainable development

Bulgarian companies will present best practices and examples of excellence in the metallurgic and chemical production.

The closing remarks of the conference will be the highlight of the Informal Competitiveness Council the next day.

The event will conclude with a cocktail.

For participation please register till January 15, 2018 here: [registration form](#)

All delegates who will attend the Informal Competitiveness Council do not need to preregister for the Conference, but a confirmation will be appreciated.

We remain confident that, with your support and cooperation, the conference will be a success.

We look forward to welcoming you in Sofia!

**Bulgarian Association of the Metallurgical Industry (BAMI)**

**Bulgarian Chamber of Chemical Industry (BCCI)**

**Bulgarian Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers (BFIEC)**