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PensionsEurope CEEC Forum 2023 - A Deep Dive into CEE Pension Markets

Sofia, 9 October 2023. The PensionsEurope CEEC Forum 2023 is taking place tomorrow, 10 October 2023, in Sofia, Bulgaria at the Grand Millenium Hotel. The Forum is an annual gathering focused on common issues in funded pensions in the CEE region.

Hosted by **the Bulgarian Association of Supplementary Pension Security Companies (BASPSC)**, this event will feature distinguished speakers, including:

- **Ivanka Shalapotova**, Bulgarian Minister of Labour and Social Policy
- **Boyko Atanasov**, Chair of the Bulgarian Financial Supervision Commission
- **Janwillem Bouma**, Chair of PensionsEurope

These speakers will deliver opening marks, setting the stage for the **Session on the market developments in funded pensions in the CEE region** with:

- **Keynote Speakers: Justin Wray** (EIOPA), **Ivan Zelenko** (World Bank), and **Pablo Antolin** (OECD)

The remaining sessions include:

- **Euro Transition and Payout Phase:** An exploration of Croatia's experience with the Euro adoption and the payout phase and its lessons for Bulgaria.
- **Auto-Enrolment:** Insights from Poland, Lithuania, and a look at Ireland's upcoming reform, evaluating the effectiveness of auto-enrolment for pension adequacy.
- **Innovation and Sustainability as an Admin Model for Pensions:** Discussion on innovative approaches to pension administration and their relevance for members and beneficiaries.

The CEEC Forum 2023 offers an opportunity for attendees to engage in constructive dialogues and connect with professionals in the field of pensions in the CEE region and beyond.

Janwillem Bouma, Chair of PensionsEurope, shared his anticipation for the event: *"We are pleased to organise this high-level international conference via the PensionsEurope CEEC Forum, uniting experts and high-level officials from various countries. The event will tackle regional pension system challenges and explore future prospects, with an emphasis on successful multi-pillar pension models. Our longstanding partnership with BASPSC, a valued member, underscores our commitment to fostering international collaboration and commitment to achieving good pension coverage."*

The full programme can be found on [PensionsEurope's website](#).

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