

Elšped hosted the 2018 *EurTradeNet* annual meeting

Elšped had the honour to host this year's, 15th annual meeting of *EurTradeNet*, a **representative association of customs-related service providers before European Commission**. The meeting was held on 31 May and 1 June in Belgrade's luxury *Metropol Palace* hotel, with a record attendance of companies from around Europe and beyond, and numerous customs officials from several European countries. In total, there were **44 representatives from 28 companies** along with **high customs officials from five countries**. The honorary expert guest was Mr. Frank Janssens, a former high official of DG TAXUD.



Important current topics were discussed, i.e. the adaptations to the Union Customs Code (**UCC**), the similarities and differences in approach to the institute of Authorised Economic Operator (**AEO**) in different countries, as well as the aspects of **Brexit**. Furthermore, discussed was the system of **single-window** documentation presentation, while the presentation of the possibilities of using **blockchain** technology in customs procedures gained great attention.

High representatives from customs authorities of **Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Montenegro** and **Serbia** presented the plans of development of their IT systems, in a dialogue with Elšped and other relevant companies from their respective countries. Representatives of **Slovenian Post** presented the achievements of their

technical cooperation with Slovenian Customs.

These officials gave presentations before their countries' customs administrations:

- Mr. **Ivan Dimitrov**, Director of Information Systems and Analytics, and Mr. **Kolyo Kolev**, chief of IT sector in Customs Agency of Bulgaria,
- Mr. **Milan Martinović**, Assistant Director of CIS in Customs Administration of Montenegro,
- Mr. **Jaroslav Ilie**, Director of Administrative Service in Customs Administration of Czech Republic
- Ms. **Slavica Kutirov**, Director of ICT Sector in Customs Administration of Macedonia
- Mr. **Veselin Milošević**, Deputy Director in Customs Administration of Serbia



We treated our guests with a gala dinner and a cruise along the Danube and Sava rivers, which ensured that they left Belgrade with nothing but pleasant memories.

As the sole *EurTradeNet* member in Serbia and Montenegro, Elšped is always at the source of new developments in European regulations and technologies. The invaluable exchange of informations and experiences keeps us ready to react to European trends and the development of new information systems in Serbia and in Montenegro.

The meeting was realized with great support from our colleagues:

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