

# FREE MARKET ROAD SHOW:

Professional Conference

May 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>st</sup>, 2009

## FINANCIAL CRISIS: STATE FAILURE VS. MARKET FAILURE



### Locations:

Skopje (Macedonia)	Monday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Zagreb (Croatia)	Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Podgorica (Montenegro)	Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Vienna (Austria)	Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Bratislava (Slovakia)	Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Vaduz (Liechtenstein)	Monday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
Paris (France)	Tuesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
London (London)	Wednesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2009

## **FREE MARKET ROAD SHOW – OVERVIEW**

The Educational Initiative for Central & Eastern Europe proudly presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Free-Market Road Show, **May 11 – 20, 2009**.

As many in the West proclaim “the death of capitalism”, public discourse must recall the historic achievements of the free-market system as well as the oppression of political and civil liberty that invariably follow the devolution of economic freedom. Indeed, history has shown that when private enterprise and prosperity collapse into the suffocating embrace of State control, civil society does not survive the power of such an absolute identity of business interest and political ideology. World-renowned experts and businessmen presenting the case for economic freedom at prominent venues across the region will ensure that these nations learn from their oppressive socialist past and from the success of Western nations in the practice of liberty. The Free-Market Road Show brings these fundamental issues to the attention of current and new generations of leadership in the CEE region at this critical juncture in their development.

In light of the global economic crisis, a candid dialogue about the merits of the free market system and the dangers of socialist economic systems is not only timely but essential. While this debate is significant for the entire world, the course taken by the emerging economies of Central and Eastern Europe will determine whether this region relapses into socialism or continues on the path to freedom and prosperity.

The Free Market Road Show will feature some of the most prolific economists, businessmen, and statesmen from around the world to defend the viability of free market economics. International conferences will consist of panel discussions and presentations beginning in Skopje (Macedonia) on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and move through Zagreb, Vienna, Bratislava, Vaduz, and then Paris before concluding in London on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Among notable participants are Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski (Macedonia), Prime Minister Mart Laar (Estonia), Myron Scholes (Nobel Laureate in Economic Science, 1997), Prince Michael von Liechtenstein (Liechtenstein), Paul Rubig (Member of European Parliament), Ivan Miklos (Former Finance Minister, Slovakia), John Fund (Wall Street Journal), Daniel Thorniley, (Economist Magazine), Gerhard Jandl (Fed. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Austria), Richard Rahn and Dan Mitchell (Cato Institute), Damian von Stauffenberg (Microrate), Christian Baha (Superfund), Walter Rothensteiner (RZB), and Andreas Treichl (Erste Bank).