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## **Bulgarian Producers to Seek Advice on Funding of Environmental Investments at Conference**

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Bulgarian companies will have to invest 9.0 mln euro (\$9.9 mln) in order to meet EU environmental standards, the chairman of the Bulgarian Economic Forum, Georgi Tabakov, said referring to the Second International Conference on Ecological Protection of the Planet Earth, which will be held in the Bulgarian capital Sofia from June 5 to June 8, 2003.

The new investments mean purchase of technologies, goods and services related to the environment, Tabakov said.

It is very important that the Bulgarian companies learn how to utilise the EU financial aid in order to implement successfully their projects. Bulgarian companies can participate in the conference free-of-charge. The conference's agenda includes discussions on pollution, protection of waters and energy efficiency.

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The event will be organised by Sofia Technical University, the Greek Democritus University of Thrace, Greece's International Center of Research and the Greek **Biopolitics International Organisation**. Universities from England, Germany and Brazil will also take part in the preparation of the conference, which will be held at the National Palace of Culture. Bulgaria's Deputy Environment Minister, Manuela Georgieva, will chair the conference. The conference is part of a series launched with a forum in Xanthi, northern Greece, in June 2001.

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