

## AGENDA

### 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Western Balkans Working Group on Justice

2 October 2020

**Moderator:** Jorida Shytaj, Senior Political Advisor. Regional Cooperation Council

#### 10.00-10.15 Welcome Addresses

- *Mr. Cedomir Backovic, Assistant Minister for European Integrations and International Projects. Ministry of Justice, Republic of Serbia*
- *Mr. Amer Kapetanovic, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council*

#### 10.15-10.45 New Enlargement Methodology: Strengthened focus on fundamentals

- *Mr. David Hudson, Center for Thematic Expertise on Rule of Law. DG NEAR - European Commission*

#### 10.45-11.00 Streamlining the regional cooperation in Justice Sector in accordance with EU standards and best practices

- *Mr. Cedomir Backovic, Assistant Minister for European Integrations and International Projects. Ministry of Justice, Republic of Serbia*

#### 11.00-12.00 Tour de table: Overview of the reforms undertaken in Rule of Law. Special focus on Chapter 23 "Judiciary and fundamental rights"

#### 12.00-12.10 Coffee break

#### 12.10-12.40 Strengthening the regional judicial cooperation to the benefit of socio-economic development in Western Balkans region

- *Dr. Kristian Turkalj, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Croatia*

#### 12.40-13.00 Cooperation with Regional Actors in Justice Area: Updates on the activities of Open Regional Fund for South East Europe - Legal Reform

- *Ms. Jana Schuhmann, Team Leader, Open Regional Fund for South East Europe - Legal Reform, GIZ*

#### 13.00-13.30 Tour de table: Agreement on the way forward.

#### 13.30-13.45 Conclusions