



# Unlocking Benefits of PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Regional Conference

**Draft AGENDA**

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## Welcome Statements

9:00

**Mr. Gazmend Turdiu**, Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council

**Ms. Zorana Gajic**, Programme Manager, Regional School of Public Administration

**Mr. Thomas Prorok**, KDZ – Center for Public Administration Research, Austria

9:15

## Public Participation that Delivers

*This panel will lead the way towards discussing all aspects of public participation during the conference day. It will deliberate on questions, such as how public participation is embedded into policy-making, what is concrete added-value of public participation for evidence-based policy-making, how can the Western Balkans Recommendation on Public Participation help in achieving Better Regulation.*

Keynote Speech and moderation – **Mr. Rudi Schicker**, Priority Area Coordinator “Governance” of EU Danube Strategy – **Public Participation in the Danube Region and Vienna**

Discussions with:

**Mr. Bagrat Tunyan**, Senior Adviser, SIGMA/OECD

**Ms. Linda Jākobsonsone**, Deputy Director, Public Policy centre PROVIDUS, Latvia

**All participants**

10:30

## Networking at a coffee

11:15

## Unlocking the Potential of Public

*Even though the regulatory framework for policy-making in all economies includes several entry points for public to participate, organisations, business associations and individuals are still generally either passive or not aware of the public participation options. The panel will, thus, explore why citizens are not interested in the decision-making process, when and how to raise their awareness on the importance of Public Participation and how to attract their interest.*



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Keynote Speech and moderation - **Dr Andrea Siodmok**, Head of the Policy Lab, Cabinet Office, UK (TBC)

Discussions with:

**Mr. Radu Cotici**, Regional Cooperation Council – **Attitudes on Public Participation in Western Balkans**

**Mr. Thomas Prorok** – Building Trust through Transparency

**All participants**

**12:30**

**Lunch Break**

**13:45**

**Targeted Public Participation – How to design the most effective public participation process?**

*This Panel will look into prerequisites for most effective process. Which decisions need to be taken when designing the process? How to select the key stakeholders? What are the most effective communication instruments to target the right public? How to choose most appropriate consultation methods?*

Keynote Speech and moderation - **Mr. Luka Ivanič**, Head of the Environment and Spatial Planning Office, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia (tbc)

Discussions with:

**Ms. Andrea Binder - Zehetner** – Participation through the Local Agenda 21 in Vienna

**Ms. Milena Lazarevic**, Programme Director of European Policy Centre, Serbia

**All participants**

**15:00**

**Networking at a coffee**

**15:30**

### **Workshop. How to build trust in final decisions?**

*The workshop is to deliberate on trust-building, namely, it will shed the light to questions, such as, how does the public participation helps with trust-building, what are the ways to foster trust in final decisions, what are the most successful way to provide feedback.*

**All participants**

**16:45**

### **Closing Statements**