

10th Meeting of the South East Europe Investment Committee
Final Agenda

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| 15.00-15.30 | Welcome Address
<i>Hido Bišćević, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council</i>
<i>Genci Muçaj, Director General at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania and RCC National Coordinator</i>
<i>Yngve Engstroem, Head of Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, DG Enlargement</i> |
| 15.30-16.00 | Review and adoption of the SEEIC Work Programme and the Rules of Procedure
<i>As the South East Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC) embarks on the new stage of its evolution, the success of its work relies on a clear mandate and well defined scope of work. Adoption of its draft Work Programme for 2012-2013 and the Rules of Procedure for the SEEIC will provide a clear framework within which to conduct its activities.</i>

Chaired by: <i>Genci Muçaj, Director General at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania and RCC National Coordinator</i>

Presentation of the proposed SEEIC Work Programme and Rules of Procedure
<i>Sanjin Arifagic, Head of Economic and Social Development Unit</i>

Discussion and endorsement of the Work Programme and Rules of Procedure |
| 16.00-16.30 | South East Europe 2020: Priority Areas for Setting Policy Targets
<i>Europe 2020 sets ambitious headline targets for the Member States. Translating these targets into the South East Europe context is a delicate endeavour, balancing ambitious objectives with the realities on the ground. This session will be dedicated to reviewing the progress so far and to determining the policy areas in which specific targets for the SEE should be set within the SEEIC context. Feedback from the CET leaders will be needed to determine the joint regional priorities and quantify these by November 2012.</i>

Chaired by: <i>Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General, RCC</i>

Discussion paper on the priority areas for setting SEE 2020 targets
<i>Alan Paic, Head, OECD Investment Compact for SEE</i> |
| 16.30-16.45 | Coffee break |
| 16.45-18.00 | South East Europe 2020: Priority Areas for Setting Policy Targets (continued)
Tour de table on proposed policy areas for SEE 2020 target setting and discussion |
| 20:00 | Official dinner with participants |



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Wednesday, 25 April 2012

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09.00 - 11.30 **Private Sector Programming Working Group and links to SEEIC**

This session will bring together the SEEIC Members, NIPACs, donors active in the region and the EC. The purpose of the session is to take stock of implementation of the Multi-beneficiary Private Sector Development Sector Plan for 2011-2013, obtain feedback on projects remaining for funding and implementation and plan ahead for the next EU financial perspective 2014-2020. The SEE Investment Committee can provide a long-term strategic insight into the policy developments and reform needs in the region, which could be used for the accession assistance programming, as well as the accession process monitoring. This role can be particularly important in the context of adoption of the SEE 2020 vision.

Chaired by: *Yngve Engstroem, Head of Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, DG Enlargement*

MB IPA Private Sector Development Sector Plan 2011-2013

Bo Caperman, DG Enlargement

Projects remaining for financing under IPA 2013

Inga Stefanowicz, DG Enlargement and Bo Caperman, DG Enlargement

New sectoral approach and outlook for the next IPA perspective

Inga Stefanowicz, DG Enlargement

EU-REPARIS under the Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility

Henri Fortin, Head, World Bank CFRR

11.30 - 11.45 Coffee break

11.45–13.15 **Joint actions on boosting competitiveness in South East Europe**

This session aims to take stock of the work currently been done in the region on mapping regional value chains, reviewing existing support programmes and analyzing industry trends to better plan future interventions in this area. Session will review the policy tools available in aiding further development of regional value chains by promoting their stronger linkages, integrating them into European and global value chains, promotion of investment, increase of value added and technological content through innovation and human capital-related interventions, etc. The session aims to initiate discussion on identifying specific regional sectors, technologies and niches that will enable more tangible policy interventions and easier monitoring of progress and attribution of impact in SEEIC's work.

Chaired by: *Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General, RCC*

Review of Industry Concentration and Supply Chains in CEFTA and Expected Interventions (New Generation Competitiveness Initiative)

Reiner Lanz, Policy Analyst, OECD

Trade integration and investment integration in the CEFTA region

Renata Vitez, Director, CEFTA Secretariat

Discussion

13.15–14.45 **Lunch**



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14.45-15.45 Regional Investment Promotion Mechanisms

Building on the work done previously on regional investment promotion, the session will explore the current options for focused joint regional investment facilitation and promotion.

Chaired by: *Sanjin Arifagic, Head of the Economic and Social Development Unit, RCC*

Overview of regional investment promotion and facilitation schemes and possible applications in the SEE

Dragana Đurica, SEEIC Project Leader, RCC

Tour de Table on possible commitments for regional investment promotion

15.45 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 Update on private sector development actions in the region

SEEIC will be briefed on the on-going regional interventions relevant to its work. In addition to work being implemented in the framework of the OECD Investment Compact, SEEIC meetings would also showcase the activities of one of the regionally-present donors to familiarize with their activities.

Chaired by: *Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General, RCC*

OECD Interventions - Regional Competitiveness Initiative, SME Policy Index

Milan Konopek, Project Manager, Regional Competitiveness Initiative, OECD

Jakob Fexer, Policy Analyst, OECD

17.00 – 17.30 Conclusions and next steps

Chaired by: *Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General, RCC*

