

## Meeting on Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans

### Draft Agenda

Sarajevo, 12-13 February 2015

#### Day One - Thursday, February 12, 2015

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Venue: Congress Center Terme, Ilidza, Sarajevo

#### 09.00 - 09.30 **Welcome Address**

Vjekoslav Bevanda, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (TBC)  
Goran Svilanovic, *Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat*  
Jean-Eric Paquet, *Director for the Western Balkans, DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations, European Commission*

#### 09.30-11.30 **Setting the scene for functional regional donor coordination**

*Coordination of donor efforts in the Western Balkans remains a challenge. Although there are successful and innovative examples championed by some of the countries and donors, there is further scope for improvement, particularly when it comes to cross-country and/or regional interventions. The aim of this session is to provide the context for donor coordination, present current efforts on mapping donor interventions, and illustrate with some up-to-date examples.*

Moderated by: *Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat*

Panellists: The political economy of donor intervention in Western Balkans and Turkey: mapping and potential for stronger synergies  
*EC Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)*

State of play of SEE2020 and relevant regional sector strategies  
*Mr. Sanjin Arifagic, SEE 2020 Coordinator, Regional Cooperation Council*

IPA II and the sector-based approach  
*Mr. Morten Jung, Head of WB Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations, European Commission*

Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans context – Experience of the WBIF  
*Representative from the Western Balkans Investment Framework Secretariat*

Sectoral/Programme-Based Donor Coordination – the Case of Trade Facilitation  
*Ms. Renata Vitez, CEFTA Secretariat*

Discussion and Q&A

#### 11.30 - 11.45 **Coffee break**

#### 11.45 – 13.15 **Formulating the needs and priorities of the region**

*Over the past few years we have witnessed an emergence of several regional strategic frameworks identifying priorities for regional actions. These actions are mostly geared towards physical capital*

*development, increased connectivity and mobility, and creating synergies to enlarge the regional market. This session will explore some of the main priorities and challenges, identify major actions and provide a link with the national context.*

Moderated by: *NIPAC office of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Panellists: *Linking regional actions with national context*  
*Mr. Aleksandar Andrija Pejovic, National IPA Coordinator, State Secretary for European Integration and Main Negotiator Montenegro (TBC)*

*Regional Energy Strategy and Priorities for the Western Balkans*  
*Energy Community Secretariat*

*Transport priorities and the way forward within the SEE2020 context*  
*Mr. Mate Georgievski, Acting General Manager of SEETO Secretariat*

*Regional approaches to boosting competitiveness in the Western Balkans*  
*OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe*

*Employment and mobility: main challenges and the way forward*  
*Mr. Nand Shani, Senior Expert on Inclusive Growth, RCC*

13.15 – 14.45 **Lunch**

14.45 - 16.45 **Aligning donor's interventions with the needs of the region**

*Overview of donor strategies, 's regional activities at the regional level towards the funding of the actions related to the SEE2020 Strategy, both from the donor's and the national governments' perspective.*

*Tour de table and discussion*

Moderator: *RCC Secretariat*

16.45 - 17.00 **Summary of the first day**

*Mr. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council*

20.00 Official reception at the Sarajevo City Hall hosted by the Regional Cooperation Council

**Day Two - Friday, February 13, 2015**

*Venue: Congress Center Terme, Ilidza, Sarajevo*

09.00 – 09.15 **Opening of day two and introduction to proceedings**

*RCC Secretariat*

09.00 – 11.00 **Session 5: Breakout sessions**

*The session will serve as a basis to discuss and possibly identify interventions at regional level with respect to the SEE2020 Strategy and the prepared Regional Programmes. Separate breakout sessions will be held to discuss the current state of affairs in three broad areas of intervention.*

Group 1: Trade and investment integration, competitiveness and business environment

Group 2: Human capital development and social inclusion

Group 3: Good governance

Discussion and Q&A

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 12.30 **Report from the breakout sessions and possible next steps in enhancing coordination**

*Reports from the breakout sessions and a summary of proposals to enhance donor coordination at the regional level.*

Moderator: *Sanjin Arifagic, SEE 2020 Coordinator, Regional Cooperation Council.*

*Discussion*

12.30 – 13.00 **Conclusions and Closing of the Meeting**

*Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

