

Meeting on Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans

Draft Agenda

Sarajevo, 12-13 February 2015

Day One - Thursday, February 12, 2015

Venue: Congress Center Terme, Ilidza, Sarajevo

09.00 - 09.30 **Welcome Address**

H.E. Vjekoslav Bevanda, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (TBC)
H.E. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

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: *Ambassador 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
Mr. William Bartlet, London School of Economics and Political Science

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

IPA II and the sector-based approach in the context of Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans
Mr. Morten Jung, Head of WB Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations, European Commission

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: *Ms. Nevenka Savić, Director and NIPAC, Directorate for European Integration of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Panellists: *Linking regional actions with national context
Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, National IPA Coordinator, State Secretary for European Integration and Main Negotiator Montenegro*

*WB Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation and Priorities for the Western Balkans
Ms. Kristina Ferara Blašković, Western Balkans Research and Innovation Strategy Exercise*

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

*Regional approaches to boosting competitiveness in the Western Balkans
Mr. Alan Paic, 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/ Family Photo**

14.45 - 16.45 **Aligning interventions with the needs of the region**

*Overview of donor strategies, 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: *Mr. Sanjin Arifagić, SEE 2020 Coordinator, Regional Cooperation Council*

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

H.E. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

18.00 *Cocktail reception hosted by RCC Secretary General
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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

09.15 – 11.00 **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

The group will serve as a basis to discuss the potential of meeting the proposed regional programmes/concept notes among the national representatives, regional dimension coordinators and donors in the area of Trade and investment integration, competitiveness and business environment, including environment, energy and transport

Group 2: Human capital development and social inclusion

The group will serve as a basis to discuss the potential of meeting the proposed regional programmes/concept notes among the national representatives, regional dimension coordinators and donors in the area of Human capital development and social inclusion including health, Education and Competences, R&D and Innovation, Digital Society, Culture and Creative Sectors

Group 3: Good governance

The group will serve as a basis to discuss the potential of meeting the proposed regional programmes/concept notes among the national representatives, regional dimension coordinators and donors in the area of Good governance including Justice, Anti-corruption and Effective Public Services

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: *Mr. Sanjin Arifagić, SEE 2020 Coordinator, Regional Cooperation Council*

Discussion

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

H.E. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch