

## Western Balkans and Europe 2020 – Towards Convergence and Growth

### Agenda of the Regional Coordination Meeting

Brussels, 30-31 March 2011

#### Wednesday, March 30, 2011

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Venue: European Parliament, Espace Leopold, Brussels

#### 18.30 – 20.00 Conference Opening and Reception

##### Participant Registration

##### Conference Opening

**Hido Bišćević**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

**Eduard Kukan**, MEP, Chairman of the Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo

**Michael Leigh**, Director-General for Enlargement, European Commission

##### Cocktail reception

hosted by Mr. **Eduard Kukan**, MEP, Chairman of the Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo

#### Thursday, March 31, 2011

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Venue: RCC Liaison Office, EFTA building, rue Joseph II, 12-16

#### 09.00 - 09.15 Welcome Address: Europe 2020 and the Role of the RCC Secretariat

**Jelica Minić**, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

#### 09.15-09.45 Keynote Address: Does the Western Balkans Need a New Growth Model?

**Peter Sanfey**, Lead Economist, EBRD

**Bernard Snoy**, Senior Expert, IFI Coordination Office

#### 09.45-11.30 Panel 1: Smart Growth – Unleashing Competitiveness in the Western Balkans

*Europe 2020 sets ambitious headline targets for the Member States. Translating these targets into the Western Balkans context will be a delicate endeavour, balancing investments in growth with the sustainability of public finances. Developing a framework for action that is relevant, realistic and compatible with Europe 2020 policy goals and governance mechanisms will require complementary efforts on both the national and regional level.*

Moderated by: **Kori Udovički**, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States, UNDP

Panellists: **Renata Vitez**, Director, Central Europe Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Secretariat  
**Vesna Arsić**, Co-Chair, South East Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC)  
**Sandra Rončević**, Project Manager, Southeast Europe Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning  
**Diana Šimić**, Chairperson, e-SEE Initiative  
**Remus Pricopie**, Chair, RCC Task Force on Building Human Capital

##### Discussion and Q&A

#### 11.30 - 11.45 Coffee break

**11.45 – 13.15 Panel 2: Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth**

*Appropriate infrastructure planning, development and utilization will greatly impact the overall development, stability and prosperity of the region. There is a need for an integrated planning model for strategic infrastructure - one that optimizes current resources and provides a framework to encourage private sector finance and enterprise.*

Moderated by: **Jane Armitage**, Country Director, World Bank

Panellists: **Mate Gjorgjievski**, Transport Law Expert, Southeast Europe Transport Observatory Secretariat  
**Dejan Komatina**, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)  
**Kamilo Vrana**, Southeast Europe Public-Private Partnership Network (SEEPN)  
**Marta Szigeti Bonifert**, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center  
**Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Standing Working Group for Regional Rural Development

**Discussion and Q&A**

**13.15 – 14.15 Lunch**

**14.15 - 15.45 Panel 3: Governance for Growth**

*Good governance is a considerable challenge for the Western Balkans. Given its profound impact on all other aspects of society, the Western Balkans' take on the EU2020 would be incomplete without giving due attention to the governance dimension.*

Moderated by: **Virgil Ivan Cucu**, Head of Justice and Home Affairs Unit, RCC Secretariat

Panellists: **Blerta Selenica**, Chair of the Governing Board, Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA)  
**Blaž Golob**, Director, Centre for eGovernance Development (CeGD)  
**Vesna Ratković**, Chairperson, Regional Anti-corruption initiative (RAI)  
**Kelmend Zajazi**, Executive Director, Secretariat of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of Southeast Europe (NALAS)

**Discussion and Q&A**

**15.45– 16.00 Coffee break**

**16.00 - 17.30 Regional Programmes: Complementing and Adding Value to National Efforts**

Moderated by: **Jelica Minić**, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

**EC Regional Programmes and the Coordination Architecture**

**Yngve Engström**, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, DG ELARG, European Commission

**Region's Contribution to National Competitiveness - OECD Investment Compact for SEE**

**Anthony O'Sullivan**, Head, Private Sector Development Division, OECD

**Current Coordination Tools for Investment, TA and Support Programmes**

**Mary O'Mahony**, IFI Coordination Office

**South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP) - Montenegrin Chairmanship in Office**

**Veselin Šuković**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro

**Discussion and Conclusions**