

Second Meeting on Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans Draft Agenda

Sarajevo, 23 March 2016

Venue: City Hall, Sarajevo

09.00 - 09.30 WELCOME ADDRESS

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

09.30-11.30 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE AND IMPACT ON DONOR PRIORITIES

The implementation of the ambitious reform agenda in SEE continues to rely on the political commitments, socio-economic developments, maturity of regional cooperation and funding realities. This context in which the implementation of the SEE priorities takes place has in some aspects changed substantially since the adoption of the SEE 2020 Strategy in November 2013. This session will provide a closer insight in the recent developments and its impact on the funding priorities.

Moderated by: Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General of RCC, Head of Program Department

Panel: Representatives of main multilateral and bilateral donors, IFIs and SEE beneficiary economies on:

- *Berlin Process and its role in revitalizing and improving regional cooperation in the Western Balkans on the issues of infrastructural and economic development*
 - *Migration crisis and its impact to the donor funding priorities*
 - *Availability and allocation of funding in the IPA II multi-country envelope*
 - *Socio-economic situation in the South East Europe – Balkan Barometer*
 - *The role of the Economic Reform Programmes in prioritizing reforms*
- Discussion and Q&A*

11.30 - 11.45 COFFEE BREAK/ FAMILY PHOTO

11.45 – 13.15 REGIONAL DONOR COORDINATION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE: INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND TOOLS FOR COORDINATION

To maximize potential of regional donor interventions, effective and efficient coordination with the development partners remains crucial. This session will provide an overview of the existing or new donor strategies and priorities, present an overview of regional needs as seen by the beneficiaries, and introduce new tools for strengthening donor coordination.

Moderated by: Nenad Sebek, *Regional Cooperation Council*

Panel:

- *Austrian strategy for the WB development assistance*
 - *Results strategy for Sweden's reform cooperation with Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey for the period 2014–2020*
 - *Strengthening regional economic cooperation*
 - *National donor coordination mechanism – case of Albania*
 - *Establishing structured dialogue with the development partners: Regional Donor Database*
- Discussion and Q&A*

13.15 – 14.45 LUNCH

14.45 – 16.45 PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES WITHIN THE SEE 2020 STRATEGY AND ITS THREE FLAGSHIPS

Part I - Plenary session

The session will serve as a basis to present the priorities and identify interventions at regional level with respect to the SEE2020 Strategy. Separate breakout sessions will be held to discuss the current state of play in the three broad areas of intervention.

Moderated by: Sanjin Arifagic, SEE 2020 Coordinator, RCC

Part II - Breakout sessions

Group 1: Skills and mobility

The group will discuss the priorities among the national representatives, regional dimension coordinators and donors in the area of skills and mobility. This area of intervention refers to education; labour market and employment; mobility and migration; and health and social affairs.

(Group lead: Vanja Ivosevic, Senior Expert, RCC)

Group 2: Connectivity

This area of intervention refers to transport and trade facilitation, energy, and electronic communications; and environment and climate change interventions.

(Group lead: Maja Handziska Trendafilova, Senior expert, RCC)

Group 3: Competitiveness

This area of intervention refers to trade and investment integration and industrial development, SME and enterprise development, innovation, and sectoral work on priority sectors (tourism, food and agribusiness)

Group lead: Dragana Djurica, Senior expert, RCC

Part III – Reporting to the plenary session

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

16.45 - 17.00 CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING OF THE MEETING

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

17:30 Cocktail reception hosted by RCC Secretary General
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