



Workshop on International Investment Agreements (IIAs)
**“Reforming the IIA network of SEE economies:
challenges and opportunities”**
Geneva, Switzerland

Thursday, 12 October 2017

Venue: Palais de Nations, Room (tbc)

09.00 – 10.00	Welcome addresses
	<p>- RCC will provide information on the other ongoing activities within the investment agenda and economic integration of Western Balkan, with the reflection on Trieste Summit and adopted Multi-annual Action Plan on Regional Economic Area (MAP).</p> <p>- UNCTAD will present the IIA related part of the Investment Policy Review for SEE</p> <p>Q&A</p>
10.00 – 10.15	Coffee break
10.15 – 10.35	Key challenges facing SEE economies in reforming their IIA regimes
	<p><i>IIA expert from the Republic of Croatia will present key challenges in reforming IIAs in the light of EU accession. This session will provide participants useful information what is expected from the candidate countries in terms of negotiations with the EU on the issues of IIA regime. Bilateral Investment Treaties and Foreign Investment Law – experience of the Republic of Croatia.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Irena Alajbeg, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
10.35 – 11.15	Key challenges facing SEE economies in reforming their IIA regimes – state of play
	<p>IIA experts from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Serbia will present current status of IIA related reforms within their respective economies. Session will be followed by tour the table among the participants where all experts can share their view on what are the main obstacles in IIA regime and possible means of cooperation within the region (exchange of experts, regional meetings etc).</p> <p><i>Ms. Samira Sulejmanović, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Jamina Roskić, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications</i></p> <p>Tour de table</p>
11.15 – 11.45	Regional Investment Policy Guidelines
	<p><i>UNCTAD will present related findings based on UNCTAD’s 2017 World Investment Report reflecting the amendments of existing IIAs to the development of regional investment policy guidelines to assist SEE economies in moving to a more modern, balanced and sustainable development oriented IIA regime</i></p>

Q&A

11.45 – 12.00 **Closing session**

Next steps
