

Fourth Meeting on Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans

Draft Agenda

Brussels, 13 March 2018

Venue: NH Hotel Bloom, Meeting room INSPIRE, address: Rue Royale 250, Brussels

09.00 - 09.30 **Welcome Address and presentation of the objective of the Donor Coordination Meeting**

- Mr. Goran Svilanović, *Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat*
- Mr. Colin Wolfe, *Head of Unit for Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission*

09.30 - 10.30 **High level panel: Key policy reforms for development of a Regional Economic Area**

Moderated by: Goran Svilanovic, *Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat*

The panel aims to present the key policy reforms for the Regional Economic Area and brings together the perspectives from the region and the donors. The panel may serve to emphasize the main challenges in the policy design to comply with MAP REA objectives.

- H.E. Sanja Damjanović, *Minister of Science of Montenegro*
- H.E. Damjan Mancevski, *Minister of Information Society and Administration of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- Mr. Marko Čadež, *Head of Western Balkan Chamber Investment Forum Managing Board (WB CIF)*
- Mr. Franklin Steves, *Associate Director, Investment Climate and Governance, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)*
- Mr. Joerg Weber, *Head of Investment Policies Branch, United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*

Discussion and interventions

10.30 - 10.45 **Coffee break/ Family Photo**

10.45 - 12.00 **Panel on need assessments for development of a Regional Economic Area**

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

Mr. Emir Djikic, *Director, Central European Free Trade Agreement Secretariat*

The panel will provide a snapshot of the needs assessment on REA from the WB6 perspective, elaborated by a number of MAP National Coordinators. The MAP NCs are invited to provide their views on the most urgent needs to implement the MAP REA actions from each economy perspective, outlining gaps in policy, technical assistance, administrative capacity, as well as investment needs. CEFTA and RCC Secretariats will provide additional insights and a regionally systematized overview of policy gaps and needs.

- Ms. Milena Harito, *MAP National Coordinator, Albania*
- Mr. Gojko Stanivukovic, *MAP National Coordinator, Serbia (tbc)*
- Ms. Nina Vujosevic, *MAP National Coordinator, Montenegro*
- Mr. Gazmend Abrashi, *MAP National Coordinator, Kosovo**
- Mr. Vancho Uzunov, *MAP National Coordinator, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- Mr. Hamdo Tinjak, *MAP National Coordinator, Bosnia and Hercegovina*

Tour de table – Interventions from international donors on assistance instruments of relevance for MAP REA components. Discussion and interventions.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch break**

14.30 – 15.30 **Panel on SEE 2020 priorities**

Moderated by: Ms. Maja Handjiska-Trendafilova, *SEE2020 Coordinator, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat*

This session informs on the main programming priorities defined in the Programming Document (PD) for 2018 in relation to SEE2020 implementation. SEE2020 Coordinators and NIPAC Office representatives will present the national priorities for implementing the SEE2020 targets, complemented by regional perspectives from key SEE2020 Regional Dimension Coordinators. Representatives of the donor community will outline the results from the past support granted within the SEE2020 policy dimensions, as well as the future priorities and prospective plans for continued support.

- Ms. Albana Shkurta, *SEE2020 National Coordinator, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Finance and Economy, Albania*
- Ms. Orhideja Kaljosevska, *State Councillor, Head of NIPAC Office, Secretariat for European Affairs, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- Mr. Jeton Karaqica, *Director of Department of Economic Criteria and Internal Market, Ministry of European Integration, Kosovo**
- Mr. Nicholas Cendrowicz, *Deputy Head of Unit, D5, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- Mr. Tomislav Curic, *Deputy Head of Secretariat, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative*

Tour de table – Interventions from international donors on assistance instruments of relevance for SEE2020 dimensions. Discussion and interventions.

15.30 – 16.00 **Conclusions of the Donor Coordination Meeting**

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

(The organizer reserves the right to amend the meeting agenda and timings.)
