

South East Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC) plenary meeting (back-to-back with Sarajevo Business Forum)

26-27 April 2018 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Draft agenda

Venue: Hotel "Hills", Butmirska cesta 18, Sarajevo, BiH

16.30 – 18.30 Sarajevo Business Forum – ASEAN-RCC Roundtable

The Panel will present the efforts in the development, establishment, and implementation of the regional investment agendas, and promote best practice exchange among the two different regions. The panel will also seek synergies between the two regions and will be dedicated to exploring possible areas of cooperation between ASEAN and the RCC in the area of investments.

Friday, 27 April 2018

Venue: RCC Headquarters, Trg BiH 1, 5th floor, Sarajevo, BiH

8.00 - 8.30	Arrival of participants
8.30 - 8.45	Welcome addresses
	Regional Cooperation Council and the European Commission
8.45 – 9.30	SEEIC priorities, achievements and results for 2018 under Multi-Annual Action Plan for Regional Economic Area (MAP REA) and South East Europe 2020 Strategy
	The RCC will present to the SEEIC the overall achievements in implementation of Multi- Annual Action Plan for Regional Economic Area, endorsed by the WB6 Prime Ministers in Trieste in 2018. Particularly, the SEEIC will receive information on the horizontal activities pertinent to MAP REA, as well as the ongoing and upcoming activity plan, events calendar and anticipated deliverables in the course of preparation for the WB6 Summits in Sofia (17

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May 2018) and London (10 July 2018).

Subsequently, in the following sessions, the SEEIC will receive the information and make decisions where needed for the proposals made by its technical working groups within the framework of the investment pillar of MAP REA, particularly on the regional investment reform agenda (RIRA), smart specialization (industrial development), and diversification of financial markets. Furthermore, the SEEIC will also receive information on the achievements of the sectoral work within the framework of the SEE 2020 Strategy, particularly with commencement of the regional tourism project.

9.30 – 10.15 WB6 Multi-Annual Action Plan for Investments – Regional Investment Reform Agenda

The RCC and the World Bank will present the draft proposal Regional Investment Reform Agenda (RIRA) of the MAP REA, put forward by the SEEIC-CEFTA Joint Working Group on Investments. RIRA includes policy reform proposals in the legislation pertinent to investments, as well as joint regional investment promotion activities, and cooperation with the private sector (WB6 Chamber Investment Forum) in this work. The SEEIC will review the RIRA and put it forward for endorsement by the Ministers of economies prior to forwarding it to the WB6 Prime Ministers for final adoption and the WB6 Summit.

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10.15 – 11.00 Diversification of Financial Markets

The RCC will inform the SEEIC on the establishment of the new regional platform on diversification of financial markets, as well as on the concept proposal for the regional programme for this particular priority area under the investment pillar of the MAP REA. The SEEIC will review the proposal for regional actions in financial markets diversification; given that the jurisdiction over financial markets is in the line ministries not represented in the SEEIC, the meeting will consider the means of liaising with the institutions/ministers in charge of this priority area, as well as the means of putting it forward as an official proposal for the MAP REA at the upcoming WB6 Summit.

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11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 11.45 Strengthening industrial base of the region

The SEEIC will receive information from the RCC on the developments within the area of Smart Specialization, being an integral component of the investment pillar of the MAP REA, as a result of coordination among the SEEIC Working Group on Industrial Policy and regional R&D Platform.

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11.45 – 12.30 SEE 2020: Support to Priority Sectors - Tourism Project

The RCC will present the newly established Project Team for implementation of the "Triple P" Tourism Project, as well as upcoming activities and events, as well as the main priorities in project implementation.

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12.30 – 13.00 SEEIC Ministerial Meeting Preparation

SEEIC will review, in line with the MAP REA and SEE 2020 priorities, the draft proposal for the Ministerial Joint Statement (Declaration). This Statement/Declaration will be put forward for endorsement to the Ministers of the region's economies, at the SEEIC Ministerial Meeting, planned for 14-15 May 2018, prior to the Sofia Summit.

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13.00 – 13.15 **Closing session**

Conclusions and next step

13.15 Lunch and departure of participants