

SOUTH EAST EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

5 July 2018

(Brussels, Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250)

Concept of the Meeting

Tasks of the SEE 2020 Governing Board

The main task of the SEE 2020 Governing Board is to analyze the progress achieved in the previous year by adopting the SEE 2020 Strategy Annual Report on Implementation (ARI) and initiate new governance cycle of the SEE 2020 Strategy. The SEE 2020 Governing Board meets once a year and provides the opportunity to issue guidance and recommendations to the RCC Secretariat and other participants in the implementation of the Strategy.

The SEE 2020 Governing Board participants include ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials from the ministries responsible for EU integration; SEE 2020 National Coordinators and the National IPA Coordinators. Other participants of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) are also invited to the meetings.

Objectives of the meeting

The main objective of the meeting is for the SEE 2020 Governing Board to review and potentially adopt SEE 2020 Strategy Annual Report on Implementation 2018.

After the presentation from RCC of the SEE 2020 Strategy draft Annual Report on Implementation, the meeting will enable a comprehensive discussion on the progress made in achieving the SEE 2020 Strategy targets. The representatives from the individual economies will be invited to provide interventions focused on achieving specific targets, so that best practice examples are shared between economies.

Building on last year experience, a special session will be dedicated to informing the participants about the European Commission's views on EU's post-2020 framework. This discussion will help the Governing Board to consider the regional plans for beyond SEE 2020 Strategy.

Participants

Expected number of participants at the meeting is around 40.

As per established practice, besides RCC's and European Commission representatives, each economy is invited to nominate 3 participants for the SEE 2020 Governing Board meeting (usually the minister responsible for EU integration; the SEE2020 National Coordinator and

the National IPA Coordinator). RCC national coordinators of the SEE2020 Strategy benefiting economies are also invited to attend.

In addition to economies` representatives, a Unit D1 Europe 2020, European Semester and Economic Governance, European Commission representative will be invited to participate at the last session of the meeting.

Expected results

- *Annual Report on Implementation 2018 reviewed and potentially adopted;*
- *Best practices implemented under the SEE2020 policy areas in different economies presented and shared;*
- *Guidance on post SEE2020 Strategy framework received.*

Draft Agenda

Welcome coffee will be served

<i>10:00 – 10:20</i>	<i>Opening of the meeting and adoption of the Agenda</i> <i>Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC, RCC Secretary General,</i>
<i>10:20 – 10:40</i>	<i>Introductory remarks</i> <i>Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC, RCC Secretary General,</i> <i>Mr. Nicholas CENDROWICZ</i> <i>European Commission, DG NEAR, Deputy Head of D.5 Unit,</i>
<i>10:40 – 11:00</i>	<i>Presentation of key findings from SEE 2020 Annual Report on Implementation</i> <i>Mr. Gazmend TURDIU, Head of Programme Department</i>
<i>11:00 – 11:20</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
<i>11:20 – 12:00</i>	<i>Spotlight on meeting the SEE2020 targets</i> <i>Mr. Vladimir Gligorov</i> <i>“Reflections on progress in intra-regional trade and FDI targets”</i> <i>Mr. Mihail Arandarenko</i> <i>“Reflections on progress in Employment target”</i> <i>Tour de table of WB6</i> <i>“Reflections on economy-specific policy reforms and actions addressing SEE2020 targets”</i>
<i>12:00 – 12:20</i>	<i>Coffee break – family photo</i>
<i>12:20 – 12:35</i>	<i>Looking beyond 2020</i> <i>Ms. Tine Delva</i> <i>Unit D1 Europe 2020, European Semester and Economic Governance</i> <i>European Commission</i>
<i>12:35 – 12:50</i>	<i>Conclusions and next steps</i> <i>Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC, RCC Secretary General,</i>
<i>13:00 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>