

## Second Meeting on Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans

### Draft Agenda

Sarajevo, 23 March 2016

Venue: City Hall, Sarajevo

09.00 - 09.30	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b>
	H.E. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, <i>Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat</i>
09.30-11.30	<b>RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE AND IMPACT ON DONOR PRIORITIES</b>
	<i>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.</i>
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Berlin Process and its role in revitalizing and improving regional cooperation in the Western Balkans on the issues of infrastructural and economic development</i>, Mr. Frank Werner, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany;</li><li>▪ <i>The IPA II multi-country envelope: availability and allocation of funding</i>, Mr. Melvin Asin, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation;</li><li>▪ <i>Development challenges of the Western Balkans and the role of regional cooperation in responding to them - UNDP perspective</i>, Mr. Jan Harfst, Team Leader, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS;</li><li>▪ <i>Socio-economic situation in the South East Europe – Balkan Barometer</i>, Mr. Sanjin Arifagić, Head of SEE 2020 Coordination Unit, Regional Cooperation Council;</li><li>▪ <i>The role of the Economic Reform Programmes in prioritizing reforms</i>, Mr. Andrija Aleksoski, Deputy Head of department, Ministry of Finance, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.</li></ul>
	<i>Discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
11.30 - 12.00	<b>COFFEE BREAK/ FAMILY PHOTO</b>
12.00 – 13.30	<b>REGIONAL DONOR COORDINATION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE: INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND TOOLS FOR COORDINATION</b>
	<i>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.</i>
Moderated by:	Nenad Šebek, <i>Regional Cooperation Council</i>
Panel:	Representatives of main multilateral and bilateral donors, IFIs and SEE beneficiary economies on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Austrian development cooperation regional strategy for the Danube area/Western Balkans region</i>, Mr. Donatus Köck, Deputy Director for Programming and Planning of Development Cooperation, Head of Unit for South East and East Europe, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs;</li><li>▪ <i>Regional strategy for Sweden’s reform cooperation with Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey for the period 2014–2020</i>, Ms. Pia Hallonsten, SIDA;</li></ul>

- *The case of the Open Regional Funds for South East Europe – a model for strengthening regional cooperation and potential platform for donor coordination*, Ms. Alexandra Hilbig, GIZ Open Regional Funds;
  - *National donor coordination mechanism – case of Albania*, Ms. Alpina Qirjazi, Director of Priorities & Programs Financing Directorate, Department of Development, Financing and Foreign Aid, Prime Minister’s Office, Albania;
  - *Establishing structured dialogue with the development partners: Regional Donor Database*, Ms. Maja Pinjo Talevska, Senior Policy Analyst, Regional Cooperation Council.
- Discussion and Q&A*

13.30 – 15.00     **LUNCH**

15.00 – 16.45     **PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES WITHIN THE SEE 2020 STRATEGY AND ITS THREE FLAGSHIPS**

Part I - General presentation

*The session will serve as a basis to present the priorities and identify interventions at regional level with respect to the SEE2020 Strategy. Specific presentations will be delivered for the three broad areas of intervention.*

Moderated by:     Sanjin Arifagić, SEE 2020 Coordinator, RCC

Part II - Specific presentations per areas of interventions

Presentation 1: Skills and mobility

*The presentation will focus on 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.*

*Presenter: Vanja Ivošević, Senior expert, RCC*

Presentation 2: Connectivity

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

*Presenter: Maja Handjiska Trendafilova, Senior expert, RCC*

Presentation 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)*

*Presenter: Dragana Đurica, Senior expert, RCC*

Part III – Questions and answers

*Summary of discussions*

16.45 - 17.00     **CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

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

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17:30                     Cocktail reception hosted by RCC Secretary General  
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