



FACT SHEET

The OECD Centre for Private Sector Development in Istanbul ("OECD Istanbul Centre") began operations in 1994 as a joint project between the OECD and the Turkish Government, and receives financial support from the Turkish International Co-operation Agency (TICA) and the Turkish Ministry of Finance. It provides policy advice and training to government officials from transition economies in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasus. Over the years the Centre has evolved from a training centre to a regional OECD centre providing a forum for policy dialogue and co-operation on key OECD issues of interest to transition economies.

Annual programmes of the Centre are implemented and managed by the OECD through its Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs (DAF) and its Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members (CCNM). More than 20 events, attended by senior officials from participating countries, take place each year. The Centre's programme covers areas such as: i) Foreign Direct Investment, ii) Enterprise Development; iii) Financial Sector Development, and iv) Rule of Law and Governance. The Centre strives actively to enhance private sector involvement in its activities.

The OECD Istanbul Centre is overseen by a Supervisory Board, chaired by the President of TICA, which includes the donor countries, co-operating international organisations, bilateral institutions from OECD member countries and representatives from the partner countries. The Supervisory Board meets annually to discuss and endorse the programme of activities. The Centre is managed by an Executive Board through an OECD-appointed manager. Currently, the Centre has eight local staff members.

The OECD Istanbul Centre is located on the third floor of a Turkish government building in downtown Istanbul with a panoramic view of the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. The premises consist of one conference room with a maximum capacity of 100 people and three rooms for working groups from 6 - 30 people, several offices and an internal library, which stocks selected OECD publications and allows electronic access to OECD documentation through www.SourceOECD.org.

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