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Agenda
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09:30-10:00 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

10:00-12:30 CASE STUDIES OF INTERNSHIPS PROGRAMMES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

10:00-10:30 INTERNSHIPS AND FIRST ENTRY TO THE LABOUR MARKET IN CROATIA

Sanja Crnkovic, Director, BIT-Croatia
DISCUSSION

10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 12:00 CASE STUDIES OF INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Visar Ademi, Head of the USAID Competitiveness project
But Dedaj, Regional Manager, Prishtina Office, WUS Austria
DISCUSSION

12:00- 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-15:00 LESSONS LEARNT FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

13:30-14:00 EXPERIENCE OF SUPPORT SCHEMES TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Heather Collier, National Council for Work Experience, United Kingdom
DISCUSSION

14:00-14:30 LESSONS LEARNT FROM INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Gerhard Volz, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD)
DISCUSSION

14:30-16:00 DEVELOPING INTERNSHIPS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

14:30- 15:00 REVIEW OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE WESTERN BALKAN

Marija Filipovska, Karanovic & Nikolic

15:00-15:30 SITUATION OF INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES

Nicolas Philipponnet, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**15:30- 16:00 OPEN DISCUSSION: MAIN BARRIERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
INTERNSHIPS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND POLICY PRIORITIES**

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS

**16:30-16:45 SUMMARY OF POLICY RECOMMENDATION AND PRIORITIES FOR THE
WESTERN BALKANS – CONCLUSION OF THE SCP PROJECT**

Nicolas Philipponnet, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and
Development

16:45-17:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS AND FOLLOW-UP

Alan Paic, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and
Development