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ERP Preparation Meeting – Kosovo*

6 – 7 October 2016
OECD Marshall Building, Paris
Rooms MB 6122 and 4022
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The OECD South East Europe (SEE) Regional Programme has its roots in the Stability Pact for South East Europe, founded in 2000. It supports Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey (as the EU candidate country) in boosting economic growth, investment and employment through targeted reforms related to competitiveness. The work focuses on different areas, including enhancing competitiveness, SME policy, innovation policy and economic reform programmes.

OECD assistance supports policy-makers from the region with the design, monitoring and improved implementation of the structural reforms. The latter are fundamental for SEE economies in their transition to functioning market economies, and are therefore instrumental in their accession and pre-accession track towards European Union membership. In the Enlargement Strategy Paper of October 2014, the European Commission (EC) outlines three pillars of the transformation process in the SEE economies: (I) Rule of Law, (II) Economic Governance, and (III) Public Administration Reform. As a result, economies have been developing annual Economic Reform Programmes (ERPs), outlining their medium term macroeconomic and fiscal policy frameworks and comprehensive structural reform agendas. The ERPs cover nine areas: public finance management, energy, transport and telecommunications markets, sectoral development, business environment and the reduction of the informal economy, research and innovation, external trade and investment facilitation, education and skills, employment and labour market, social inclusion, poverty reduction and equal opportunities.

To support this endeavour, the OECD has been mandated by the EC to collaborate closely with SEE economies to prepare their ERPs by providing analytical support and building capacity of responsible government authorities.

**What are the objectives of the event?**

This event serves the purpose of discussing the ERP tools and concepts that were developed by the OECD, namely: the diagnostic and the prioritisation tool and the monitoring concept, and collect feedback on these, with a specific focus on Kosovo. The experts and policy makers will discuss next steps in the OECD involvement in the ERP process, and how OECD team can better support them in the future. The representatives of Kosovo will address the latest economic developments in Kosovo as well as share information on the preparation of the ERP 2017-19. Finally, a timeline for the upcoming capacity building activities and involvement of OECD in the months to come will be discussed and agreed.

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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. Hereafter referred to as Kosovo.

This is not an official meeting of an OECD body.
**Objective**

OECD SEE team members will present an update on the latest OECD tools in support of the ERP process, namely the ERP diagnostic and prioritisation, and the monitoring concept. OECD and Kosovo will also discuss next steps in the OECD involvement in the ERP process and how OECD team can better support them in the future. The event will be organised in the form of a workshop.

**09:30 - 9:45**

**Welcoming Remarks**

Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations Secretariat

**9:45-10:45**

**Feedback on ERP diagnostic tool**

This session will be structured as follows:

- Presentation by Ms. Marija Kuzmanovic, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- Feedback on the ERP diagnostic tool by Kosovo
- Discussion with Kosovo representatives on how to further improve the tool

**10:45-11:00**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00-11:45**

**Feedback on ERP prioritisation tool**

This session will be structured as follows:

- Presentation by Mr. Filip Stefanovic, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- Feedback on the ERP prioritisation tool by Kosovo
- Discussion with Kosovo representatives on how to further improve the tool

**11:45-12:30**

**Presentation on ERP monitoring concept note**

This session will be structured as follows:

- Presentation of the ERP monitoring concept note by Ms. Anita Richter, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
- Discussion with Kosovo representatives on the concept note

**12:30-14:00**

**LUNCH – OECD Canteen**

**14:00-16:00**

**Discussion on the potential future ERP preparation**

Moderator: Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations Secretariat

Keynote speaker: Mr. Janez Sustersic, Economist, Consultant to the OECD

This session will be devoted to the discussion of the way to improve the preparation of the ERP in the future and the support governments may request.

**16:30-17:00**

Coffee meeting with Ms. Fiona Kelmendi, Embassy of Kosovo in France.
**Objective**  
Kosovo representatives and OECD SEE team members will discuss the latest economic developments in Kosovo, with emphasis on policy priorities. A timeline for the OECD support on the ERP project will also be agreed.

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<td><strong>Ms. Hillen Francke and Mr. Javier Menendez-Bonilla</strong>, DG NEAR, European Commission, will attend the meeting in video conference</td>
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<td>Bilateral meetings could be considered to allow the representatives of Kosovo to meet with the representatives of OECD in order to find out about good practice examples in policy making in the areas of their interest, such as transport infrastructure, access to finance or innovation. The exact timing and meetings are still to be confirmed.</td>
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