



**SIGMA**  
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## What is SIGMA?

SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management) is a joint initiative of the European Union and the OECD. We have been working with countries on strengthening public governance systems and public administration capacities for over 20 years.

## What does SIGMA do?

Our team of around 20 experts provides assistance in 5 key areas:

- Civil service and public administration organisation and functioning
- Policy making
- Public finance and audit
- Public procurement
- Strategy and reform

## How does SIGMA work?

We assess:

- Governance systems and institutions
- Legal frameworks
- Reform strategies and action plans
- Progress in reform implementation

We provide:

- Methodologies and tools to support reforms
- Recommendations on improving laws and administrative arrangements
- Advice on the design and implementation of reforms
- Opportunities to share good practice from a wide range of countries
- Policy papers and multi-country studies

## Who does SIGMA work with?

With the EC's Directorate General Enlargement, we currently work with:

- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey as EU candidate and potential candidate countries
- Croatia as a new EU Member State

With the EC's Directorate General Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, we currently work with:

- Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Moldova, Morocco, Tunisia and Ukraine as EU Neighbourhood countries

In these countries, we work with:

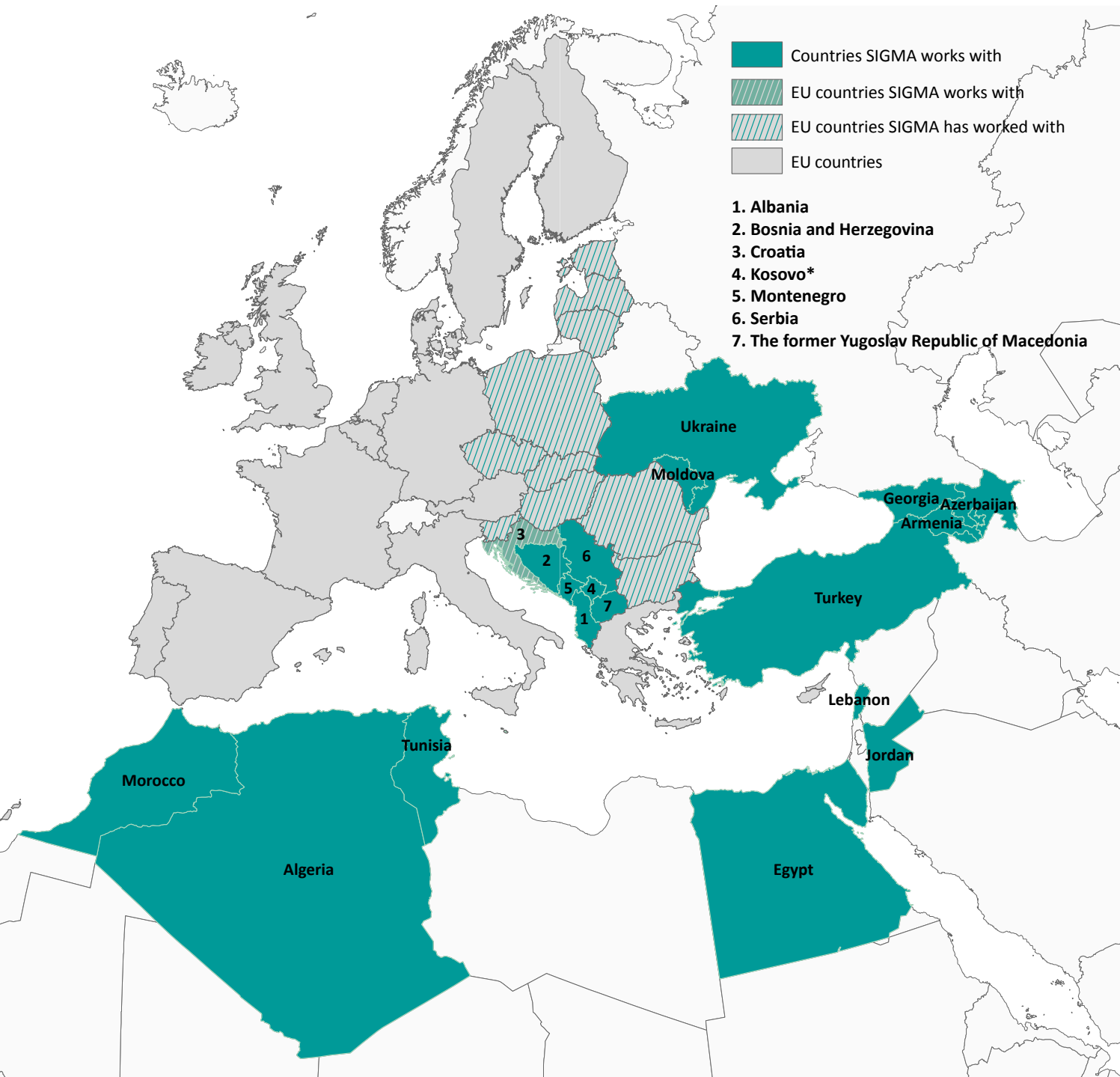
- Ministries at the centre of government
- State agencies and other public institutions
- Parliaments

## What are the benefits of working with SIGMA?

We bring:

- 20 years of experience working with countries in transition
- Experts from EU national public administrations
- Long-term relationships with in-country partners
- Practitioner-to-practitioner support
- Flexibility in project design and implementation
- A combination of EU and OECD expertise
- Support that complements other EU institution building instruments

\* 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.



-  Countries SIGMA works with
-  EU countries SIGMA works with
-  EU countries SIGMA has worked with
-  EU countries

1. Albania
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Croatia
4. Kosovo\*
5. Montenegro
6. Serbia
7. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



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## Further information

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