



## Launch of the OECD report

### Decentralisation and regionalisation in Bulgaria: Towards Balanced Regional Development

#### Virtual workshop (Zoom)

Link to register in advance: <https://meetoeed1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJclcuqoqjpkGNw1V50IW-tW5SibuG3JiRAX>

*English/Bulgarian interpretation*

**23 February 2021 – 10 am -12 am (Sofia time)**

#### Draft Agenda

<b>09:45 - 10:00</b>	<b>Opening of the virtual room</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator: Mrs Vyara Mincheva, Head of Unit EU Coordination, International Cooperation and Analyses, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MRDPW)</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 - 10:20</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Denitsa Nikolova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MRDPW)</li> <li>Mr Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD</li> </ul>
<b>10:20 - 10:25</b>	<b>Video message</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Vittoria Alliata di Villafranca, Director, Administrative Capacity Building and Programme Implementation II Directorate, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</li> </ul>
<b>10:25 - 10:40</b>	<b>The new regional approach in Bulgaria</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Denitsa Nikolova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MRDPW)</li> </ul>
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	<b>Key highlights and recommendations from the OECD Report</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Isabelle Chatry, project coordinator, Senior Policy analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD</li> </ul>
<b>11:00-11:20</b>	<b>Municipalities' perspective about regionalisation and decentralisation</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Silvia Georgieva, Executive director, National Association of the Municipalities in Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB)</li> </ul>

11:20-11:45	<p><b>Discussions – Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderated by Mrs Vyara Mincheva</li> </ul>
11:45-12:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Dorothée Allain-Dupré, Head of Unit, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD</li> <li>Mr Keith Thorpe, Head of Urban Policy Support, Cities and Local Growth Unit, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (UK), Delegate in the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee (RDPC) and Vice-Chair of the OECD Urban Working Party</li> <li>Mrs Denitsa Nikolova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (MRDPW)</li> </ul>