Launch of OECD Reviews of Croatia’s Investment and Regulatory Policies

AGENDA

18 June 2019
9:30-13:00

International Hotel Zagreb, Grand Salon I
Miramarska Cesta 24, Zagreb, Croatia
About the OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is a unique forum where governments work together to address the economic, social and environmental challenges of globalisation. The OECD is also at the forefront of efforts to understand and to help governments respond to new developments and concerns, such as corporate governance, the information economy and the challenges of an ageing population. The Organisation provides a setting where governments can compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practice and work to co-ordinate domestic and international policies.

For more information: www.oecd.org

About the OECD Investment Policy Reviews

OECD Investment Policy Reviews present an overview of investment trends and policies in the countries reviewed. This can include investment policy, investment promotion and facilitation, competition, trade, taxation, corporate governance, finance, infrastructure, developing human resources, policies to promote responsible business conduct, investment in support of green growth, and broader issues of public governance. The reviews take a comprehensive approach using the OECD Policy Framework for Investment to assess the climate for domestic and foreign investment at sub-national, national or regional levels. They then propose actions for improving the framework conditions for investment and discuss challenges and opportunities for further reforms.

For more information: oecd.org/investment/countryreviews.htm

About the OECD Regulatory Policy Reviews

OECD Regulatory Policy Reviews assess countries’ regulatory management capacities by taking stock of regulatory policies, institutions and tools, describing trends and recent developments, and identifying gaps in relation to good practices. This can include policies on administrative simplification, ex ante and ex post evaluation of regulations, public consultation practices, as well as regulatory enforcement and inspections. The reviews provide policy recommendations based on best international practices, peer assessment and the OECD 2012 Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance to strengthen the government’s capacity to manage regulatory policy.

For more information: oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/oecd-reviews-of-regulatory-reform_19900481

About the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS)

The Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS) of the European Commission helps EU countries to prepare, design and implement reforms. The support is based purely on demand and is tailor-made for the beneficiary Member State. It takes the form of strategic or legal advice, studies, training and in-country missions by experts. Since 2015, the SRSS has engaged, through the Structural Reform Support Programme or other sources, in more than 760 projects in 26 Member States.

For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/structural-reform-support-service_en
Objective

Croatia has deepened the reform process in recent years, as it strives to create an environment fully conducive to sustainable and inclusive growth. In this context, investment and regulation are key components of the national agenda.

In the framework of the EU Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP), Croatia has cooperated with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in carrying out two separate albeit complementary reviews, covering investment and regulatory policies, respectively. Investment policy is about the provision of a fair and transparent environment for investors and the positive contribution investment can make to economic, environmental and social progress. Regulatory policy is about achieving government’s objectives through the use of regulations, laws, and other instruments to deliver better economic and social outcomes and thus enhance the life of citizens and business.

The joint launch in Zagreb will provide an opportunity for a direct dialogue between Croatia’s authorities, investors and other stakeholders and international experts. What are the main structural reform challenges? How can Croatia attract more and better investment? What can be done to promote responsible business conduct? How can the regulatory environment be simplified and made more responsive to business and citizens needs? Simultaneous translation will be provided in the Croatian and English languages.

The two reviews have been carried out with funding by the European Union through the SRSP and in cooperation with the European Commission’s Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS).

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This session will focus on recent government efforts to improve the quality of regulation and enhance collective well-being, as well as challenges ahead.

**Moderator:** Eliana ČANDRLIĆ, editor in chief, Croatian Radiotelevision

**Speakers:**
- Daniel TRNKA, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD: Regulatory policy in Croatia: what has been achieved and where to go from here?
- Yola THUERER, Junior Policy Analyst, OECD: Regulatory Policy in Croatia – the way ahead

**Respondents:**
- Nataša MIKUŠ ŽIGMAN, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts
- Boris ZELENIKA, Advisor, Government Legislation Office
- Iva RAŠIĆ, Senior Expert Adviser, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs

11:40-12:00  **Coffee break**

12:00-12:50  **Remarks by stakeholders and general discussion**

This session aims to promote open and frank dialogue between the panelists and the audience.

**Moderator:** Eliana ČANDRLIĆ, editor in chief, Croatian Radiotelevision

**Panelists:**
- Milka KOSANOVIĆ, Director of membership affairs Hrvatske udruge poslodavaca (HUP- Croatian Association of Employers)
- Petra REMETA, Conservation Programs Manager, WWF Adria
- Frank VAN DRIESSCHE, Structural Reform Support Service, European Commission
- Elisabetta CAPANNELLI, Country Manager for Croatia and Slovenia, World Bank

**Open discussion**

12:50-13:00  **Closing session**

- Closing remarks by Nataša MIKUŠ ŽIGMAN, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts, and Antonio GOMES, Deputy Director, OECD

13:00-14:00  **Buffet lunch offered by the Croatian authorities**