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Competitiveness in South East Europe A Policy Outlook 2018

Launch of the OECD SEE Competitiveness Outlook
2018 and preparation for the ERP 2019-21

LAUNCH MEETING



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25-26 September 2018

Klub Poslanika, Tolstojeva 2
Belgrade, Serbia

09:00 – 9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

Launch of the SEE Competitiveness Outlook

09:30 – 10:00 **Introductory remarks**

- Ms. Slavica Savičić, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia
- Ms. Radica Nusdorfer, Head of European Integration Section, Delegation of the European Union to Serbia
- Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of OECD South East Europe Division

10:00 – 10:45 **Launch of the OECD Competitiveness Outlook 2018**

- Mr. Jakob Fexer, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
- Questions and answers

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 11:45 **Focus topic: Tax Policy**

- Ms. Sarah Perret, Tax Economist, OECD Centre for Tax Policy: Complementary presentation on the challenges in Serbia's tax policy and recommendations.
- Questions and answers

11:45 – 13:00 **Lunch**

Session on the Economic Reform Programme

13:00 – 14:30 **Economic Reform Programme 2019-21 cycle**

Following the launch of the Competitiveness Outlook publication, this session will provide input to the ERP 2019-21 cycle. It includes an overall OECD assessment of the ERP 2018-2020, with particular regard to the findings and recommendations stemming from the Competitiveness Outlook 2018.

- Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of OECD South East Europe Division
- Ms. Anita Richter, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
- Mr. Filip Stefanovic, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- Mr. Janez Šušteršič, External Consultant to the OECD, former Minister of Finance of Slovenia

Reflection of reform priorities and milestones of the ERP process

- Ms. Verica Ignjatovic, Acting Assistant Minister, Ministry of Finance, Serbia

- 09:00 – 12:00** **Economic Reform Programme workshop**
The ERP workshop will be dedicated to three thematic areas: 1) Education and skills, 2) Employment and labour market and 3) Social protection and inclusion. For each thematic area main challenges and reform actions will be discussed, starting with an OECD expert assessment, followed by a reflection of line ministry experts and a joint discussion on ways to address constraints through the ERP.
- 09:00 – 09:15** **Introductory remarks**
- Ms. Verica Ignjatovic, Acting Assistant Minister, Ministry of Finance, Serbia
 - Ms. Anita Richter, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
- 09:15 – 10:45** **Employment and labour market**
- Ms. Sarah Perret, Policy Analyst, OECD Centre for Tax Policy
 - Mr. Gorazd Rezonja, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
 - Line ministry experts in charge of the policy area
 - Open discussion
- 10:45 – 11:30** **Education and skills**
- Mr. Gorazd Rezonja, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
 - Mr. Filip Stefanovic, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
 - Line ministry experts in charge of the policy area
 - Open discussion
- 11:30 – 12:15** **Social protection and inclusion**
- Mr. Janez Šušteršič, External Consultant to the OECD, former Minister of Finance of Slovenia
 - Line ministry experts in charge of the policy area
 - Open discussion
- 12:15 – 12:30** **Concluding remarks**
- Ms. Verica Ignjatovic, Acting Assistant Minister, Ministry of Finance, Serbia
 - Ms. Anita Richter, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division