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HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON COMPETITIVENESS AND ECONOMIC REFORMS

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

LAUNCH MEETING



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9-10 October 2018

Novotel Sarajevo Bristol, Fra Filipa Lastrića 2,
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:00 – 9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

Launch of the SEE Competitiveness Outlook

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

- Mr. Mirko Šarović, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Khaldoun Sinno, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of OECD South East Europe Division

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

- Mr. Hendrik Bosshammer, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
- Questions and answers

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 11:45 **Focus topic: Investment Policy and Promotion**

- Mr. Fernando Mistura, Policy Analyst, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs
Complementary presentation on the challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina's investment policy and promotion, as well as policy recommendations.
- Questions and answers

11:45 – 13:00 **Buffet Lunch for all participants**

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

Reflection of reform priorities and milestones of the ERP process

- M. Zoran Zjelko, Director of DEP, ERP Co-ordinator

- 09:00 – 13:00** **Economic Reform Programme workshop**
The ERP workshop will be dedicated to the eight structural reform areas, as defined by the EC Guidance Note 2018. For each reform area, the OECD and line ministries in charge of single reforms will have an exchange upon state of play and reform measures contained in the first draft of the ERP 2019-2021, providing comments on how to further improve them in the coming versions of the document.
- 09:00** **Welcoming**
- 09:00 – 10:15** **ERP Focus Session 1**
- Energy and transport market reform
 - Sectoral development
 - Business environment and reduction of the informal economy
- 10:15 – 11:00** **ERP Focus Session 2**
- Research, development, innovation and the digital economy
 - Trade-related measures
- 11:00 – 12:00** **ERP Focus Session 3**
- Education and skills
 - Employment and labour markets
 - Social inclusion, poverty reduction and equal opportunities
- 12:00 – 12:15** **Next Steps and Concluding remarks**
- 12:15 – 13:00** **Lunch**