

DRAFT AGENDA



HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE

Economic Reform Programmes:

A key element of the "fundamentals first" approach and the economic governance in the EU's Semester Light process

11-12 June 2018

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11 June 2018	
09:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 – 10:05	Opening remarks
10:05 – 10:45	<p><i>High-level panel: Economic Reform Programmes (ERP) – a key element of the "fundamentals first" approach and the economic governance in the EU's Semester Light process, moderated by Mr. Viktor Mitevski</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Achievements in the ERP process with special emphasis on Joint conclusions from May 2018, Mr. Dragan Tevdovski, Minister of Finance b. ERP and EU Semester Light Process, Mr. Samuel Žbogar, Head of the Delegation of the European Union c. EU Semester Process – the experience of a member state (TBC) d. Key challenges, priorities and the way forward for the ERP 2019 – 2021, Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of the OECD South-East Europe Division <p><i>General Discussion</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>A new reform agenda for a more competitive South East Europe</i>
11:00 – 11:45	<p><i>Launch of the OECD Competitiveness Outlook 2018</i></p> <p>Key findings and recommendations from the 2018 edition of the OECD SEE Competitiveness Outlook, which are most valuable for the ERP 2019 – 2021, Mr. Jakob Fexer, Project Manager of the Competitiveness Outlook, OECD</p> <p>Mr. Bert Brys, Head of Unit, OECD Centre for Tax Policy, Complementary presentation on the specific tax challenges which arise from the Competitiveness Outlook analysis and country specific recommendations.</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<p><i>Round table discussion: Overall Country Growth Diagnostic, a prerequisite to facilitate a sustainable economic growth, job creation, financial stability and sound public finances, moderated by Ms. Jovana Avramovska</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reforms needed to support long-term growth and competitiveness b. Industrial policy c. Identification of key obstacles to competitiveness and inclusive growth d. Overall growth <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Bojan Shimbov, World Bank Mr. Ricardo Pinto, EU Project Team Leader Mr. Vanco Uzunov, Ss Cyril and Methodius University Representative of Donor Community (TBC)</p> <p><i>General Discussion</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch

12 June 2018	
<i>Discussion with OECD and EC on diagnostics and reform measures How to strengthen the analytical part. What measures should remain or newly included in ERP?</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and introductory remarks Mr. Andrija Aleksoski , National ERP Coordinator Ms. Marzena Kisielewska , Head of the OECD South-East Europe Division
09:10 – 09:40	Presentation of ERP 2019 - 2021 Guidance Note and Work Plan Mr. Willem Noe , DG NEAR Mr. Andreas Papadopoulos , DG NEAR Ms. Vesna Cvetanova , Ministry of Finance Ms. Bojana Ilievska , Ministry of Finance
09:40 – 10:40	Assesment of the sectoral diagnostics and reform measures in the ERP 2018-20, overall consistency check, suggestions for improvements in next ERP cycle Ms. Anita Richter , OECD, Project Manager Ms. Filip Stefanovic , OECD, Policy Analyst
10:40 – 11:20	Overview of chapter 4 of the ERP, what measures should remain in the next ERP Mr. Willem Noe , DG NEAR Mr. Andreas Papadopoulos , DG NEAR
11:20 – 12:00	Presentation of monitoring mechanisms and selection of performance indicators (how line ministries should select indicators, present few examples on one or more measures from ERP 2018 Ms. Anita Richter , OECD, Project Manager Ms. Filip Stefanovic , OECD, Policy Analyst
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch

