

## **Fighting corruption: OECD launches business integrity project in the Adriatic Region**

**16/12/2019** – OECD South East Europe (SEE) regional programme and the Siemens Integrity Initiative launch a project on Fair Market Conditions for Competitiveness in the Adriatic Region.

The new 3-year project intends to support the creation of a level-playing field and fair market conditions in three countries in the Adriatic Region: Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project will be conducted under the umbrella of the **OECD SEE regional programme**, and will involve the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders, including government officials, businesses, academia and civil society. Building on OECD instruments as well as regional expertise, the project aims to address specific corruption issues in the region by applying international standards and supporting the design and implementation of actionable policy recommendations. Launched in three pilot countries of the region, the first objective of the project focuses on raising awareness about OECD standards and good practices, the second on the implementation of policy recommendations and the third targets academic institutions. Taken all together, this project aims to contribute to positive and sustained change in the Adriatic Region.

The OECD will carry out one of 23 new projects from more than 30 countries selected to receive up to USD 26 million in funding within the Third Funding Round of the Siemens Integrity Initiative. This broad multi-project anti-corruption initiative stems from a wider agreement concluded between Siemens and the World Bank in 2009.

More information on the OECD's South East Europe regional programme is available at [www.oecd.org/south-east-europe/programme/](http://www.oecd.org/south-east-europe/programme/)

Information about the criteria for the selection and profiles of the projects to be funded can be found at [www.siemens.com/integrity-initiative](http://www.siemens.com/integrity-initiative)

Information about the Integrity Partner organisations together with summaries of their planned project activities and Siemens Press release can be found at <https://assets.new.siemens.com/siemens/assets/api/uuid:aae17791-15f5-4e9d-a849-d3a773209f12/PR201912115733EN.pdf>

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