

Meeting summary | **OECD Holds Collective Action Meeting in Support of Fair Market Conditions for Competitiveness in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

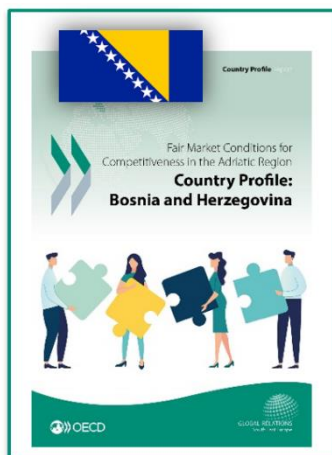
**09/11/2022 – The OECD South East Europe Regional Programme held a high-level meeting in Sarajevo to convene the Collective Action Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina and acknowledge policy makers’ commitment to further reforms in support of Fair Market Conditions for Competitiveness.**

The event was an opportunity to share and endorse the key recommendations developed by the Collective Action Community in support of a level playing field in the three key areas of work: fighting corruption, strengthening competition and improving the framework for state-owned enterprises.

The meeting was inaugurated by **Mr Andreas Schaal**, Director of Global Relations and Cooperation at the OECD, who underscored the importance of a level playing field to foster growth and development. He also praised project stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina for their commitment to making reform happen.

Representing the Ministry of Justice of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Assistant Minister **Mr Damir Šapina** underlined the need for strengthening the country’s legal framework including the prevention of conflicts of interest, while **Mr Mladen Maksimović**, Senior Expert Associate at the Republic of Srpska’s Ministry of Justice shared the key achievements and challenges of the entity’s anticorruption strategy. The official opening ended with addresses by **Mr Amir Karalić**, Council Member at the Competition Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina and **Mr Shawn Teixeira**, Collective Action Director at Siemens, the project funder.

OECD experts **Mr Hendrik Bosshammer** from the South East Europe Division and **Ms Tanya Khavanska** from the Anti-Corruption Division, presented key project results and good practices for effective reform implementation, followed by a multi-stakeholder panel on *Strengthening Anti-Corruption Practices in Support of Fairer Competition*.



During the panel discussion, the audience heard from **Ms Dragana Kokot**, Secretary General of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Srpska, **Ms Ivana Korajlić**, Executive Director at Transparency International and **Mr Amel Delić**, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Public Administration, as well as from keynote speaker **Mr Šapina**. Focusing on the main challenges in each sector, the panelists welcomed the presented OECD recommendations and underscored the need and their commitment to effective

implementation as well as the necessity of a multi-stakeholder approach to monitoring the implementation progress of the reforms.



To close the meeting, **Ms Anita Richter**, Acting Head of the OECD South East Europe Division, underscored that during times of geopolitical instability and economic slowdown, it is ever more important to set the ground rules for inclusive and sustainable growth, affirming the OECD's commitment to supporting better policies for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Her speech was followed by the intervention by **Mr Rade Ristović** from the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption who expressed his gratitude to the OECD and to Siemens for their ongoing work in support of the country's reform agenda.

For key findings, please consult: [Country Profile for Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

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