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Third Working Group meeting

Supporting SME competitiveness in the Eastern Partner Countries - Georgia

SME Development Strategy

Wednesday, 15 April 2015, 9.30

Venue: Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TBC) 150, D. Agmashenebeli Avenue, 0112, Tbilisi







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SME Development Strategy - Third Working Group meeting Strategic Direction 2: Access to Finance for SMEs

13.30-13.40

Welcoming remarks

- Working Group Chairperson: Ms. Irma Kavtaradze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Mr. Kaido Sirel, Head of operations, EU Delegation to Georgia
- Mr. Daniel Quadbeck, Project Manager, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme

13.40-14.20

SME Strategy: Overview of updated strategy document and Action plan on Strategic direction 2

 Ms. Lali Gogoberidze, Head of Economic Analysis & Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

SME access to finance support programs: Overview of current and planned activities by Entrepreneurship Development Agency

 Mr. David Shiolashvili, Head of Research, Analysis and Monitoring Department, Entrepreneurship Development Agency

14.20-15.20

SME Strategy: Key issues and good practices on Strategic Direction 2

Introductory presentation and chair: Prof. **Salvatore Zecchini**, Chair of the OECD Working Party on SMEs

- Ms. Svenja Petersen, Senior Analyst, EBRD
- Mr. Francesco Alfonso, Policy Analyst, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme and Mr. Antonio Fanelli, Senior Advisor, OECD Global Relations
- Ms. Marita Riedel, Programme Director, GIZ Private Sector Development in South Caucasus

15.20-16.20

Open discussion and Q&A session

 Moderated by Mr. Ricardo Pinto, Senior Expert on SME Policy and Ms. Piret Treiberg, Head, Enterprise Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication of Estonia

Working group members are encouraged to comment, share their experiences, provide additional inputs on key issues

Conclusions

• Prof. Salvatore Zecchini, Chair of the OECD Working Party on SMEs

16.20-16.30

Wrap up and next steps

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