



## Draft Agenda

# OECD Eurasia Ministerial Conference

## Implementing Policies for Competitiveness in the Eurasia Region

27-28 June 2013  
Warsaw, Poland

Joint Ministerial Conference:

**OECD Eastern Europe and South Caucasus Initiative**

Co-chaired by Poland and Sweden

and

**OECD Central Asia Initiative**

Co-chaired by the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan

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The **OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme** will hold its first Ministerial Conference convening all 13 countries of Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Poland. Participants will include senior officials from Eurasia and OECD countries, including Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers and Ambassadors, representatives of business associations and partner organisations. They will come together to discuss policies to strengthen competitiveness and to promote innovative mechanisms to implement related reforms.

Discussions will draw on OECD materials such as the OECD Private Sector Development Policy Handbooks, which outline practical steps for policy makers to implement competitiveness reforms in priority sectors.

At this Conference, countries participating in the OECD Eastern Europe and South Caucasus Initiative (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) and the OECD Central Asia Initiative (Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) will be invited to endorse and establish an annual **Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable**. Hosted by the OECD, the Roundtable will aim to foster peer dialogue, exchange good practices and review the implementation of competitiveness reforms in the Eurasia region.

#### THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2013

##### **08.30-16.00: Business Forum at the Ministry of Economy**

The aim of this Forum is to develop new forms of co-operation between Poland and Eurasia partner countries.

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##### **9.00-17.00: Bilateral meetings (20 minutes per delegation)**

Individual meetings between the Heads of Delegation of the OECD and of the Eurasian countries to discuss next steps in the co-operation with the OECD and the Eurasia Competitiveness Programme in particular.

Please contact Ms. Adelina Vestemean [adelina.vestemean@oecd.org](mailto:adelina.vestemean@oecd.org) for further information.

##### **18.00-19.30: Welcome Cocktail in the Sheraton Hotel**

##### **19.30-21.30: Official Dinner for Heads of Delegations of Eurasia partner countries hosted by H.E. Mr. Radoslaw Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland at the Foksal Palace (by invitation only)**

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#### FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 2013

##### **9.00-13.00: Ministerial Roundtable**

The Ministerial Roundtable Discussions will focus on trends and challenges with the implementation of competitiveness reforms in the Eurasia region. It has the following objectives:

- To discuss the concept of Private Sector Development Policy Handbooks as a tool to support policy implementation.
- To establish an OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable as a platform for peer review and knowledge sharing.
- To endorse a ministerial declaration and the work programme for 2013-2015.

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## BUSINESS FORUM

HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND  
IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE POLISH INFORMATION AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT  
AGENCY (PAIIZ) AND THE POLISH BIAC SECTION

*26 June 2013*

**20.00-22.00** Opening Business Forum Dinner hosted by:  
H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland Mr. Janusz Piechociński.  
Venue: Royal Łazienki Palace on the Isle (by invitation only).  
**Please contact Ms. Livia Ordon at [livia.ordon@mg.gov.pl](mailto:livia.ordon@mg.gov.pl) for further information.**

*27 June 2013*

The business forum is a platform for the dialogue and exchange of information within the framework of trade and investment areas. The aim of this Forum is to develop new forms of co-operation between Poland and countries of the Central Asia and the Eastern Europe and South Caucasus Initiatives.

Delegates are invited to give short presentations during a plenary session.

*08.30-09.00* *Registration*

### Welcoming Remarks

**09.00-09.10** H.E. Mr. Janusz Piechociński, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of the Republic of Poland

**09.10-09.20** Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director for Global Relations, OECD

**09.20-09.30** Mrs. Beata Stelmach, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

**09.30-09.40** Mr. Peter Lorincze, Member of the BIAC executive board

**09.40-09.50** Mr. Mariusz Gaca, President of Polish BIAC

### Country Presentations

Delegates from the Central Asia Initiative and the Eastern Europe and South Caucasus Initiative are invited to present co-operation profiles of their home countries (max. 10 min. per delegation).

**10.00-11.30** COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS, PART ONE.

**11.30-12.00** COFFEE BREAK

**12.00-13.30** COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS, PART TWO.

**13.30-14.30** QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

**14.30-15.00** Closing Remarks

**15.00-16.00** Business Lunch

## OECD EURASIA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

### IMPLEMENTING POLICIES FOR COMPETITIVENESS IN THE EURASIA REGION

28 June 2013

8.30-9.00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

#### ITEM I MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OPENING REMARKS

9.00-9.10 OPENING REMARKS: **H.E. Mr. Janusz Piechociński, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of the Republic of Poland**

9.10-9.20 KEY ADDRESS: **H.E. Mr. Yerbol Orynbayev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan** and regional Co-chair of the OECD Central Asia Initiative

9.20-9.30 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: **Ambassador Mr. Richard Boucher, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD**, Chair of the Meeting

#### ITEM II MAKING REFORMS HAPPEN IN EURASIA: EXPERIENCE WITH THE OECD PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY HANDBOOKS

*Facilitator: Mr. Antonio Somma, Head, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme*

9.30-9.40 **H.E. Mr. Djoomart Otorbaev, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic** will present the OECD Private Sector Development Policy Handbooks on Central Asia and emphasise how they serve as a tool for policy implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic.

9.40-9.50 **H.E. Mr. Igor Prasolov, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine** will highlight how the OECD Private Sector Development Policy Handbooks support Ukraine to move forward with sector competitiveness strategy implementation.

09:50-10:00 Film Preview of the Private Sector Policy Handbooks for Kazakhstan

10.00-10.10 **Ms. Beata Stelmach, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland** will highlight relevant approaches for making reforms happen in Eurasia.

10.10-10.20 *General discussion with a contribution from:*

Mr. Christos Kyriatzis, Head, International Affairs and Missions for Growth, Directorate General Enterprise, European Commission

ITEM III PEER LEARNING AND EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES:  
THE OECD EURASIA COMPETITIVENESS ROUNDTABLE

*Facilitator: Mr. Anthony O’Sullivan, Head, Private Sector Development, OECD*

- 10.20-10.30** **Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director for Global Relations, OECD** will introduce peer reviews as a core OECD mechanism for policy exchange amongst OECD countries, and will highlight its relevance for Eurasia.
- 10.30-10.40** **H.E. Mr. Pawel Wojciechowski, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the OECD** will present the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable as a platform for peer review and knowledge sharing between OECD members and countries from Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia.
- 10.40-10.50** **Ms. Kristel van der Elst, Director, Head of Strategic Foresight of the World Economic Forum** will provide insights on the Forum’s work on regional economic integration and its contribution to the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable.
- 10.50-11.00** *General discussion with a contribution from:*  
**Mr. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council**

COFFEE BREAK

- 11.00-11.15** *Coffee will be served in the foyer of the Office of the Prime Minister.*  
*Group Photo with the Heads of Eurasian Delegation*

ITEM IV MINISTERIAL TOUR DE TABLE

*Facilitators: Ambassador Richard Boucher, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD and Ambassador Pawel Wojciechowski, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the OECD*

- 11.15-12.20** **Partner countries from Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia** are invited to comment on the proposed direction for future work, including the peer review concept, and its relevance to the region.  
*Kindly note that each Head of Delegation will be allocated a maximum of 5 minutes.*
- 12.20-12.45** *General discussion with contributions from:*  
**H.E. Mr. Pavel Rozsypal, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the OECD**  
**Mr. Péter Lőrincze, Vice-Chair, Business and Industry Advisory Committee**  
**Mr. Alexandru Munteanu, Co-chair, Business Advisory Council for SEE and Eurasia**

ITEM V      ENDORSEMENT OF MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

- 12.45-12.55**      **Ambassador Richard Boucher** will introduce a draft Ministerial Declaration for discussion and endorsement.
- 12.55-13.00**      **Mrs. Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland** will provide closing remarks.
- 13.00**              *Closing followed by press conference and buffet lunch.*