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# Friends of South East Europe meeting<sup>1</sup>

**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

**09:00 – 10:30**

OECD Conference Centre, Room CC7  
2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris  
Paris, France



OECD Global Relations  
**South East Europe**

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**Draft agenda**  
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**09:00-09:15**    **Welcome coffee**

**09:15-09:30**    **Welcoming and introductory remarks**

- **Prof. George PAGOULATOS**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Greece to the OECD & Chair of the Friends of South East Europe
- **Mr. Ulrik Vestergaard KNUDSEN**, Deputy Secretary General, OECD
- **Mr. Karim Dahou**, Deputy Director and Head of China Unit, Global Relations and Cooperation, OECD

**09:30-09:40**    **Update by OECD South East Europe Division**

*Presentation of the Western Balkans Competitiveness Outlook 2024 findings*

The OECD Secretariat will briefly present and discuss the overarching regional findings of the *Western Balkans Competitiveness Outlook 2024*. In particular, the findings will focus on the path forward to accelerate economic convergence of the region towards the EU and OECD, examining five policy clusters: *business environment, skills, infrastructure & connectivity, digital transformation and greening*.

- **OECD SEE team**

**9:40-10:25**    **Open discussion**

Participants will be invited to share their views on the High-level Conference and the OECD report. Furthermore, participants will be invited to provide an update of their countries' engagement in the Conference.

**10:25-10:30**    **Concluding remarks and next steps**

- **Prof. George PAGOULATOS**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Greece to the OECD & Chair of the Friends of South East Europe