

DRAFT AGENDA<sup>1</sup>



# Small Business Act Assessment for the Western Balkans and Turkey (2016-19)

## Reconciliation meeting

**Thursday, 3 May 2018**

Rogner Hotel

Tirana



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## RECONCILIATION MEETING

### THE SBA ASSESSMENT FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY (2016-19)

9:00 -15:00

#### Set-up and objective

*The reconciliation meeting will consist of an opening plenary session (9:00 – 09:45), followed by bilateral meetings by policy dimension with the relevant government assessors (from relevant ministries, agencies and INSTAT) and non-government stakeholders (10:00 – 15:00).*

*The three main objective of the meeting are to (1) close any remaining information gaps in the SBA questionnaire and the statistical sheet; (2) compare divergences between the government and the independent SBA assessment and align the government and the independent assessment findings and (3) to provide a project update and to outline the next steps*

#### AGENDA PLENARY OPENING SESSION

| 09:00 - 09:30 | Opening remarks   | Room<br>Antigonea 1 |
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|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Albana Shkurta</b>, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Gavril Lasku</b>, Adviser of Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, SBA Co-ordinator</li> <li>• <b>Ms Majlinda Hafizi</b>, Director of Economic Development Policies Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Economy, SBA Co-ordinator</li> </ul> |                     |
| 09:30 - 09:45 | <b>Overview of SBA assessment process and of qualitative and quantitative data gaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Umur Gökçe</b>, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division</li> </ul>   |                     |

#### *Questions and answers*

09:45 - 10:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

#### DIMENSION-SPECIFIC BILATERAL MEETINGS

*For each policy dimension, government representatives, non-government stakeholders, OECD and EBRD experts along with the independent consultant will discuss the remaining information gaps and discrepancies between the government self-assessment and the independent assessment. During each session,*

- *The OECD/EBRD analysts will give a short presentation to introduce each main topic of discussion*
- *Each introduction will be followed by a number of questions from the OECD analyst to guide participants in a broader discussion of the main topic.*

10:00 - 12:00 **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 2: Bankruptcy and second Meeting**

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Room 2

- **Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Tetis Lubonja**, Director, Integration and Projects Directorate, Ministry of Justice
- **Ms. Iva Theodhori**, Ministry of Justice
- **Ms. Entela Postoli**, Head of Project Implementation Sector, Registration Central Office of Immovable Property
- **Ms. Patris Poshnjari**, Chief Specialist, Stock Exchange Supervision Sector, Financial Supervisory Authority
- **Ms. Erjona Suljoti**, Head of Financial Analysis Sector, Department of Monetary Policy, Bank of Albania
- **Mr. Eturgert Llaze**, Director of Statistics Department, INSTAT
- **Mr. Leart Vrioni**, Albanian Bankruptcy Supervision Agency

10:00 - 12:00 **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 3: Institutional and regulatory framework for SME policy making** Meeting Room 3

- **Ms Jovana Pavlovic**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Enhela Shehu**, Specialist, Methodology Research and Leadership Directory, National Business Centre
- **Mr. Geron Kamberi**, Director, National Agency of Information Society
- **Ms. Romina Kostani**, Specialist, National Agency of Information Society
- **Mr. Stavri Lako**, Chief of Vocational Training Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Genta Prodani**, Chief of Employment and Migration Policy Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Iris Ago**, Director of Anti-Informality Unit, General Tax Directorate
- **Ms. Eriola Sada**, Head of Project Coordination Unit, General Tax Directorate
- **Ms. Artan Babaramo**, Director, General Tax Directorate
- **Ms. Anduena Hoxha**, Head of the Business Promotion Sector, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Valmira Bebri**, Director of Tirana Municipality/ex- Chief of Sector, INSTAT
- **Ms. Saida Turabi**, Chief of Legal Advising Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Rediana Bajrami**, Legal expert, AIDA
- **Ms. Majlinda Manushi**, Union of Chambers of Commerce

10:00 - 12:00 **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 7: Standards and Technical Regulations** Meeting Room 1

- **Mr. Irhad Puce**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Mona Mirtsch**, Standards and Technical Regulations Expert
- **Mr. Umur Gökçe**, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe

Division

- **Mr. Armond Halibi**, General Director, General Directorate of Accreditation
- **Ms. Ardita Mele**, Chief of Sector, General Directorate of Accreditation
- **Mr. Riza Hasanaj**, Director General, General Directorate of Standards
- **Ms. Kostanca Dedja**, Director, General Directorate of Standards
- **Mr. Petrit Rama**, General Director, General Directorate of Metrology
- **Mr. Stilian Habibi**, Director, General Directorate of Metrology
- **Ms. Klotilda Neziri**, Chief of Internal Market Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Mr. Julian Llupo**, Director, Market Surveillance Inspectorate, AIDA
- **Ms. Iris Kuqi**, EU Delegation to Albania

**10:00 - 12:00**    **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 5a: Support services for SMEs and start-ups**    **Meeting Room 4**

- **Mr. Martin Kohtze**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Albana Zyka**, Chief of the SME Division, AIDA
- **Mr. Pellumb Qosja**, Chief of Exports Department, AIDA
- **Ms. Rediana Bajrami**, SME specialist, AIDA
- **Ms. Erjona Toni**, Specialist, Business Promotion Sector, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Anxhela Bushati**, Chief of Projects Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Anula Guda**, EU Delegation to Albania
- **Mr. Hartmut Jarosch**, Managing Director, Deutsche Industrie- und Handelsvereinigung in Albanien (DIHA)

**12:00 - 13:00**

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**13:00 - 15:00**    **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 6: Access to Finance**    **Meeting Room 5**

- **Ms Svenja Petersen**, Chief Economist, EBRD representative
- **Ms. Erjona Suljoti**, Head of Financial Analysis Sector, Department of Monetary Policy, Bank of Albania.
- **Ms. Rediana Bajrami**, SME specialist, AIDA
- **Ms. Erjona Toni**, Specialist, Business Promotion Sector, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Mr. Elson Caka**, Specialist, Projects Sector, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Mr. Loris Hoxha**, Communication & Information Officer, Italian-Albanian Programme for the development of Albanian SMEs
- **Mr. Briolda Jahaj**- Financial Accounting Manager, Italian-Albanian Programme for the development of Albanian SMEs
- **Mr. Spiro Brumbulli**, Secretary General of Albanian Association of Banks

- **Ms. Ines Muçostepa**, Chairman of Union of Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Albania
- **Ms. Eglja Ballta**, Associate Banker, EBRD
- **Mr. Neritan Mullaj**, National Programme Manager, EBRD
- **Ms. Endrita Xhaferaj**, Investment Climate Expert, EBRD
- **Ms. Diana Leka**, Head of the Investment Council Secretariat

**13:00 - 15:00**    **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 4: Operational environment for SMEs**    **Meeting Room 2**

- **Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Mr. Dhimitraq Mosko**, Chief of Innovation and Technology Division, National Agency of Information Society
- **Mr. Emirton Suli**, National Agency of Information Society
- **Ms. Enhela Shehu**, Specialist, Methodology Research and Leadership Directory, National Business Centre
- **Mr. Elvin Lako**, General Director of General Directorate of Industrial Property
- **Ms. Iris Ago**, Director of Anti-Informality Unit, General Directorate of Taxes
- **Mr. Artan Babaramo**, Director, General Directorate of Taxes
- **Ms. Eralda Shtylla**, Specialist of State Aid, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Anxhela Bushati**, Chief of Projects Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy

**13:00 - 15:00**    **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 8b: Innovation**    **Meeting Room 1**

- **Mr. Umur Gökçe**, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Mr. Irhad Puce**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Mr. Elson Caka**, Specialist in Projects Sector, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Albana Zyka**, Chief of the SME Division, AIDA
- **Ms. Linda Pustina**, General Director, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
- **Mr. Geron Kamberi**, Director of National Agency of Information Society
- **Mr. Eturgert Llaze**, Director of Statistics Department, INSTAT
- **Ms. Iris Kuqi**, EU Delegation to Albania

**13:00 - 15:00**    **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 9: SMEs in a green economy**    **Meeting Room 3**

- **Ms. Jovana Pavlovic**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Evisi Koplaku**, Director of Integration and Projects, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- **Ms. Eriola Sojati**, Specialist, Directorate of Tourism Development Policies and Strategies, Ministry of Tourism and Environment

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- **Mr. Leandro Xhama**, Specialist, Public Property Administration Sector, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
  - **Mrs. Mamica Dhamo**, Expert of Internal market Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy

**13:00 - 15:00**   **Assessment reconciliation: Dimension 10: Internationalisation of SMEs**   **Meeting Room 4**

- **Mr. Martin Kohtze**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Zamira Xhepa**, Specialist in Trade Policies Division, Ministry of Finance and Economy
- **Ms. Migena Musli**, Specialist in SMEs Division, AIDA
- **Ms. Alma Mara**, Specialist, INSTAT
- **Ms. Majlinda Manushi**, Union of Chambers of Commerce