

DRAFT AGENDA¹



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

Launch Meeting

17 October 2017
Rogner Hotel, Tirana
Antigonea 2



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

9:30-15:30

Objective *The launch meeting will consist of an opening plenary session (9:30 – 12:45), followed by bilateral meetings by policy dimension with line ministries and other relevant stakeholders (14:00 – 15:30).*

The overall objective of the Meeting is to present the key features of the SBA assessment methodology and process, as well as to introduce the revised SME Policy Index assessment frameworks by dimension.



09:00-09:30 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:30-10:00 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Speakers

Mr. Arben Ahmetaj, Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy

Mr. Enzo Damiani, Sector Manager for Internal Market, Competitiveness and Innovation, EU Delegation to Albania

Ms. Marzena Kisielewska, Head of South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Moderator

Ms. Evisi Koplaku, SBA Coordinator, Ministry of Finance and Economy

10:00-10:30 PRESENTATION OF THE SME POLICY INDEX METHODOLOGY AND THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Mr. Umur Gökçe, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Questions and answers

10:30-11:15 PRESENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS

Dimension 1. Entrepreneurial learning and women's entrepreneurship, Mr. Anthony Gribben, Specialist, Operations Department, ETF

Dimension 2. Bankruptcy and second chance for SMEs, Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 3. Institutional and regulatory framework, Ms. Jovana Pavlović, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 4. Operational environment for SMEs, Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 5a. Support services for SMEs and start-ups, Mr. Patrik Pruzinsky, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 5b. Public procurement, Ms. Jovana Pavlović, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

11:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12.15 PRESENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS (CONTINUATION)

Dimension 6. Access to finance, Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 7. Standards and technical regulations, Mr. Umur Gökçe, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 8a. Enterprise skills, Mr. Anthony Gribben, Specialist, Operations Department, ETF

Dimension 8b. Innovation policy for SMEs, Mr. Umur Gökçe, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 9. SMEs in a green economy, Ms. Jovana Pavlović, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Dimension 10. Internationalisation of SMEs, Mr. Patrik Pruzinsky, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

12:15-12:45 DISCUSSION ON THE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS

12.45-13.00 CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Evisi Kopliku, Director of European Integration and Projects, Ministry of Finance and Economy

13:00-14.00 LUNCH

LONDON ROOM

14:00-14:30 BILATERAL MEETING WITH ETF ON HUMAN CAPITAL DIMENSIONS (1 and 8a)

Mr. Anthony Gribben, Specialist, Operations Department, ETF

Ms. Evisi Kopliku, Director of European Integration and Projects, Ministry of Finance and Economy

Mr. Patrik Pruzinsky, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Ms. Dorina Rapti, Director of Curriculum and Training, Institute of Education Development

Mr. Astrit Dautaj, Head of the Curriculum Sector, Institute of Education Development

Ms. Margarita Shatro, Director of Cajupi Gymnasium, Gymnasium "Andon Zako Çajupi"

Ms. Mira Kotobelli, Director of Sinan Tafaj Gymnasium, Gymnasium "Sinan Tafaj"

Ms. Majlinda Dervishi, Director of secondary-school "Edith Durham", Secondary-school "Edith Durham"

Ms. Suela Bala, Director JA Albania, Junior Achievement

Mr. Alqi Mustafai, Chief of Curriculum, The National Agency of Vocational Education, Training and Qualifications (NAVETQ)

14:30- 15:00 BILATERAL MEETING ON SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SMEs (Dimension 5a)

Mr. Patrik Pruzinsky, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Mr. Dritan Mezini, Executive Director, Albanian Institute of Information Technology

Mr. Pellumb Qoseja, Export Development Sector, AIDA

Ms. Ardita Seknaj, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce Albania

15:00– 15:30 BILATERAL MEETING ON INTERNATIONALISATION OF SMEs (Dimension 10)

Mr. Patrik Pruzinsky, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Mr. Dritan Mezini, Executive Director, Albanian Institute of Information Technology

Ms. Ardita Seknaj, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce Albania

ANTIGONEA 2**14:00-14:30 BILATERAL MEETING ON BANKRUPTCY AND SECOND CHANCE (Dimension 2)**

Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Ms. Dejvi Celcima, Ministry of Justice

Mr. Leart Vrioni, Ministry of Justice

14:30-15:00 BILATERAL MEETING ON OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR SMEs (Dimension 4)

Mr. Ali-Fuad Turgut, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Ms. Joniada Zaimaj, Department for State Aid, Ministry of Finance and Economy

Ms. Anilda Gjini, Department for State Aid, Ministry of Finance and Economy

ANTIGONEA 3**14:00-14:30 BILATERAL MEETING ON STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR SMEs (Dimension 7)**

Mr. Umur Gökçe, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Ms. Konstanca Dedja, Albanian General Directorate of Standardization

14:30-15:00 BILATERAL MEETING ON INNOVATION POLICY FOR SMEs (Dimension 8b)

Mr. Umur Gökçe, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Mr. Erton Graceni, Executive Director, Protik Center ICT

Mr. Dhimitraq Mosko, Head of Sector, Technology and Innovation Unit, National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation

Mr. Dritan Mezini, Executive Director, Albanian Institute of Information Technology

ANTIGONEA 2**14:00- 14:30 BILATERAL MEETING ON INSTITUTIONAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK (Dimension 3)**

Ms. Jovana Pavlović, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Ms. Olimbi Prifti, Entrepreneurship Support Directorate (SME), Ministry of Finance and Economy

Ms. Anduena Hoxha, Entrepreneurship Support Directorate (SME), Ministry of Finance and Economy

Ms. Borana Kalemi, Entrepreneurship Support Directorate (SME), Ministry of Finance and Economy

Ms. Diana Leka, Head of Investment Council in Albania

14:30- 15:00 BILATERAL MEETING ON SMEs IN A GREEN ECONOMY (Dimension 9)

Ms. Jovana Pavlović, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Representatives from the below institutions are invited to attend this bilateral meeting.

Ministry of Environment/Sustainable development, Green Fund Representatives, Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Agency.

