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**“Supporting Green Transition through
Circular Economy Roadmaps” project**



Prioritisation meeting North Macedonia

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Since 2000, the [OECD South East Europe Regional Programme](#) has been closely collaborating with economies of the region to foster growth, investment and employment through reforms that support competitiveness and private sector development. The programme addresses regional and national needs, capacities and reform priorities while translating OECD standards and best practices into actionable advice for South East European (SEE) economies (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo* Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia) and Türkiye.

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In October 2022, the OECD South East Europe Regional Programme launched a new action to support competitiveness and sustainability in the Western Balkans and Türkiye, financed by the European Commission. This 4-year project aims to reinforce economic governance and integration, while strengthening resilient and competitive markets, in line with the EU enlargement strategy, the Economic and Investment Plan, and the Green and Digital Agendas for the Western Balkans. Under the third pillar of this action the OECD will support the “Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps”.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on Kosovo’s declaration of independence.

Building on the *greening* work carried out as part of the OECD’s flagship assessments of the Western Balkans, the [Competitiveness Outlook](#) and the [SME Policy Index](#), as well as drawing upon the OECD’s circular economy roadmap methodology, the OECD SEE Regional Programme will provide support towards the preparation and implementation of circular economy roadmaps.

For North Macedonia, one of the two economies that has not yet developed a circular economy roadmap, the OECD is providing support for its design so that it serves as a blueprint for the circular economy transition and can be fed into circular economy strategies and/or complement various strategies and policies.

The OECD assistance also revolves around supporting implementation on certain themes within circular economy across the region, through provision of expertise, regional knowledge exchange and OECD and EU good practice transfers. This support is delivered in different formats, such as workshops, capacity building sessions, or other peer-learning exercises, that best fit the specific objective and optimise knowledge-sharing.

■ Objective

The objective of the meeting will be to present and reach consensus with the members of the Circular Economy Working Group of North Macedonia on key economic sectors to be included in the CE Roadmap in North Macedonia.

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TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

09:30 – 12:00

Marriott Hotel, Skopje

09:00 – 09:30 WELCOME COFFEE

09:30 – 09:45 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- **Mr. Blerim Zlatku**, State Advisor for Industrial Policy and Competition, Ministry of Economy
- **Ms. Anita Richter**, Deputy Head, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Mr. Steffen Hudolin**, Head of Co-operation, Delegation of the European Union to North Macedonia

09:45 – 10:20 PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION OF NORTH MACEDONIA

The OECD will provide an update of the project, including key takeaways of the circular economy diagnostic in North Macedonia and present the preliminary areas that are key for the circular economy transition of North Macedonia.

- **Ms. Jovana Pavlovic Djukic**, Team Lead – Green Economy and Sustainability, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Clémence Girin**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Katarína Svatíková**, Policy Analyst, OECD Environment Directorate

10:20 – 11:50 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON THE CHOICE OF PRIORITY AREAS

Members of the CE Working Group will be invited to voice their opinion on the identified priorities to drive North Macedonia’s transition to a circular economy. The discussion will also present an opportunity for peer learning, as a member of the Regional CE Peer Dialogue Platform from Hungary will be sharing his insights on the proposed priority areas and outlining his experience in the CE transition relevant for North Macedonia.

The stakeholder consultation should help to fine-tune and prioritise areas, as well as lead to a consensus on those that would be included in the circular economy roadmap.

Moderator: **Ms. Jovana Pavlovic Djukic**, Team Lead – Green Economy and Sustainability, OECD South East Europe Division

- **Mr. László Uhri**, Waste Management Expert, Ministry of Energy of Hungary
- CE Working Group of North Macedonia
- OECD Team

11:50 – 12:00 MEETING WRAP-UP

