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"Supporting Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps" project

Diagnostics meeting North Macedonia





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Since 2000, the OECD South East Europe Regional Programme has been collaborating with economies of the region to foster growth, investment and employment through reforms that support competitiveness private sector development. 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 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 <u>Competitiveness Outlook</u> and the <u>SME Policy Index</u>, 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 discuss with the Circular Economy Working Group the state of play of circular economy in North Macedonia, as a first step in the development of the circular economy roadmap.

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THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2023

10:00 - 12:00

ZOOM MEETING

10:00 – 10:15 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- **Mr. Blerim Zllatku,** State Advisor for Industrial Policy and Competition, Ministry of Economy
- Ms. Anita Richter, Deputy Head, OECD South East Europe Division

10:15 – 10:45 PRESENTATION OF THE STATE-OF-PLAY OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN 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

10:45 – 11:45 STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION ON THE STATE-OF-PLAY

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

- CE Working Group of North Macedonia
- OECD Team

11:45 – 12:00 NEXT STEPS AND WRAP-UP OF THE MEETING

