

# OECD Friends of South East Europe Agenda 30 November, 2022

OECD Château de la Muette, Room C

- 16:30-16:45 Welcoming and introductory remarks**
- **Ambassador László TURÓCZY**, Chair of Friends of South East Europe, Permanent Delegation of Hungary to the OECD and UNESCO
  - **Mr. Andreas SCHAAL**, Director and Sherpa to the G20, the G7 and APEC, OECD Global Relations and Cooperation
- 16:45-17:00 Update on the EU accession progress of the Western Balkans and the role of joint EU/OECD support to economic policy**
- **Mr. Mathieu BOUSQUET**, Acting Director, European Commission Directorate General for the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR)
- 17:00-17:30 Update on the OECD South East Europe (SEE) Regional Programme**
- **Ms. Anita RICHTER**, Acting Head, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations and Cooperation
1. Brief overview on the recent economic developments in SEE
  2. Presentation of the Programme's key activities and achievements since the last "Friends of SEE" meeting held in April, including a zoom in on the most recent publication [SME Policy Index 2022: Western Balkans and Turkey](#)
  3. Key tenets of the upcoming work programme, including the new [Competitiveness Outlook](#) assessment cycle, circular economy and labour migration.
- 17:30-18:00 Tour de table by OECD Delegations**
- Participants will be invited to share their views on the Programme's work. Suggestions on ways to support the Programme's work, including policy areas that are of specific interest to members, as well as updates on relevant initiatives with interlinkages with the Programme would be welcome.
- 18:00-18:05 Concluding remarks and next steps**
- **Ambassador László TURÓCZY**, Chair of Friends of South East Europe, Permanent Delegation of Hungary to the OECD and UNESCO
- 18:15-18:25 Signing Ceremony of the EU grant** *(to be held in the hall of Château de la Muette)*
- **Ambassador Didier LENOIR**, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the OECD
  - **Mr. Andreas SCHAAL**, Director and Sherpa to the G20, the G7 and APEC, OECD Global Relations and Cooperation
- 18:30 – 19:30 Cocktail Reception** *(to be held in Roger Ockrent)*