

DRAFT AGENDA¹

LAUNCH EVENT



SME Policy Index: Western Balkans and Turkey 2019

*Assessing the Implementation of the Small Business Act
for Europe*

7 June 2019

Conference Room P38
Government building,
Mother Teresa Square 10000

Pristina

Friday 7 June
SME POLICY INDEX: Western Balkans and Turkey
Launch Meeting
Pristina, Kosovo*

Objectives *The launch event is organised in co-operation with the European Commission, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Training Foundation to present the key findings of the SME Policy Index: Western Balkans and Turkey 2019 and to discuss the way forward to improve the business environment, particularly for SMEs, Kosovo*.*

09:30-10:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:00-10:30 **OPENING REMARKS**

MODERATOR: Mr. Nol Buzhala, SBA Co-ordinator, Kosovo

Mr. Endrit Shala, Minister of Trade and Industry of Kosovo

Mr. Riccardo Serri, Deputy Head of European Union Office in Kosovo

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

10:30-11:15 **PRESENTATION OF THE KEY FINDINGS**

MODERATOR: Mr. Nol Buzhala, SBA Co-ordinator, Kosovo

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

Ms. Kristien Van den Eynde, Specialist in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills, ETF

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

Mr. Martin Kohtze, Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

11:15-12:00 **DISCUSSION**

Comments from the participants:

- Views on the key findings and ways forward of the report
- Information about reform priorities to further improve the business environment for SMEs and support entrepreneurship
- Suggestions on how to better tailor the SBA assessment to address emerging needs and priorities

12:10-12:15 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. Nol Buzhala, SBA Co-ordinator, Kosovo