

DRAFT AGENDA

**LAUNCH EVENT<sup>1</sup>**



# **SME Policy Index: Western Balkans and Turkey 2019**

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

**6 June 2019**

Parliamentary Club  
Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov 45,  
Skopje 1000

**Thursday 6 June**  
**SME POLICY INDEX: Western Balkans and Turkey**  
**Launch Meeting**  
**Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia**

**Objectives**

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

**10:00-10:30** Registration

**10:30-10:55** OPENING REMARKS

**MODERATOR: Mr. Blerim Zlatku**, SBA Co-ordinator, Republic of North Macedonia

**Mr. Kreshnik Bekteshi**, Minister of Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia

**Mr. Nicola Bertolini**, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of North Macedonia

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

**10:55-11:40** PRESENTATION OF THE KEY FINDINGS

**MODERATOR: Mr. Blerim Zlatku**, SBA Co-ordinator, Republic of North Macedonia

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

**Ms. Kristien Van den Eynde**, Specialist in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills, European Training Foundation

**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

**11:40-12:10** 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. Blerim Zlatku**, SBA Co-ordinator, Republic of North Macedonia