

**SEEIC – CEFTA
Joint Working Group on Investments (WGI)
Meeting
Draft Agenda**

31 March 2016
Belgrade
Venue: Hotel Falkensteiner
Conference room: Iolite
Bulevar Mihaila Pupina 10K

Thursday 31 March 2016

Chaired by: RCC Secretariat

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome/introductory note

9.30 – 11.00 SEE 2020 Programming and Flagship Initiatives – A Pragmatic Approach to the Implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy

The Working Group will be informed about the programming process in forthcoming implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy, and presented with the SEE 2020 Programming Documents endorsed by the SEE economies. Particular reference will be given to the Flagship Initiative on Competitiveness, with pertinent policy mix where investment policy represents one of the most important components, as well as relations with other flagship initiatives on Connectivity and Skills and Mobility.

RCC's Presentation

Tour de table discussion, Q&A

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15– 12.30 Regional Investment Programme

This session will present the final developments and amendments to the regional programme on investments, developed and endorsed by the SEE economies, to be implemented in cooperation of SEE Investment Committee - CEFTA and the World Bank Group, and financed by the European Commission (Multi-beneficiary IPA). The Working Group will receive the final programme draft, as per final discussions with the EC and will start deliberating on the investment policies and sectors that are to be worked on under this programme.

World Bank's Presentation

Tour de table discussion, Q&A

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.00 **Multilateral Investment Agreement –Prospective Approaches in SEE**

Based on the mandate given to the RCC by the SEE Investment Committee Ministerial Declaration of 2015 to conduct the analysis of the legal base on possibilities for prospective MIT or additional protocols to existing treaties, the Working Group will review and endorse the Terms of Reference for legal consultant to be engaged by the RCC. Furthermore, a recap of previous discussions of the Working Group on MIT's and an update on the latest regional pertinent developments will be provided for discussion.

RCC's Presentation

Tour de table discussion, Q&A

15.00 – 16.00 **SME Manufacturing FDI in the SEE Region**

Presentation of a study sponsored by the European Commission on SME manufacturing FDI in the SEE Region. This project focuses on Manufacturing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by European Union (EU) Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the SEE, with the main elements pertaining to (1) mapping manufacturing FDI in WB, (2) economy-specific analyses, (3) analysis of main manufacturing sub-sectors, (4) analysis of 3 EU SME case studies in 3 economies, and (5) conclusions and recommendations, with a focus on the regional level. The WGI will receive information about the study, discuss prospective integration of the study recommendations into the work of the WGI and will also propose case studies of SME FDI for the purpose of analyses.

Presentation by the STEM-VCR Srl.

Tour de table discussion, Q&A, proposals for 3 case studies of SME FDI in the region

16.00 – 16.30 **Conclusions**

Recap and final agreement on upcoming activities, to be proposed for official endorsement at the next SEE Investment Committee meeting.