

**Session I: FACILITATION OF FREE TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES  
AND HARMONIZATION OF CEFTA MARKETS WITH THE EU**

**10.15-13.30 hrs 21 November, 2017**

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**Objective:** This session will be focusing on the ways to assist the Region's economic growth perspective by taking into account all the efforts made in CEFTA in the past years, in particular the ones related to the additional protocols on trade facilitation, and trade in services. Furthermore, the CEFTA Parties agreed to deepen the regional economic integration which was acknowledged and confirmed by Prime Ministers of the Western Balkans 6 at the Trieste Summit held in July this year aiming to create Regional Economic Area. Therefore this session will emphasize interrelations between various trade policy areas, such as trade facilitation, liberalization of trade in services, elimination of NTBs, and strengthening dispute settlement mechanisms in CEFTA as well as correlation between trade, investment and economic growth in the context of the EU alignment process.

**Moderator:** Mr Stevan Nikcevic,  
State Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications,  
*CEFTA Chair in Office*

- 10: .25-10:40 • **KEY-NOTE SPEECH**  
Ms. Marzena KISIELEWSKA, OECD
- 10:40- 10:55 • ***The importance and expected positive effects of the Consolidated MAP for the Region***  
Mr. Gazmend TURDIU, RCC Secretariat
- 10:55 – 11:10 • ***EU alignment process and the regional economic area related actions***  
Mr. Bernard BRUNET, EC (DG NEAR)
- 11.10-11.30 • ***Multi-annual Action Plan from the national perspective***  
Ms. Olivera Jocić, National Contact Point for Trade Component
- 1:30-11:40 • ***The relevance of the Transport Community Treaty to the Regional Economic Area***  
Mr. Mate Gjorgjievski, SEETO
- 11:40 -11:50 • ***The relevance of the Energy Community pan European internal energy market to the Regional Economic Area***  
Ms. Jasmina TRHULJ, Energy Community
- 11:50-12:50 **Presentations by CEFTA Parties**



12:50–13.30

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

13.30-14.30

***Lunch Break***



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