

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

12 May 2015 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Monday, 11 May 2015

Arrival of Participants to Sarajevo

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

Venue: Hotel Europa, Sarajevo

Chaired by: RCC Secretariat

9.00 –9.30 Welcome address by SEEIC Co-Chairs

- Ms. Dragana Djurica, Regional Cooperation Council
- Ms. Ivana Gardasevic, Ministry of Economy of Montenegro

9.30 – 11.00 SEE 2020 Monitoring – Integrated Growth (Investment Policy and Promotion)

Session will deliberate on the results of the analysis conducted for SEE 2020 monitoring and OECD Competitiveness Outlook, within the pillar of Integrated Growth. Joint WGI members will be expected to provide their comments to the selected indicators (in particular to their availability on national level) and endorse the final set of indicators within the investment dimension of the respective pillar.

Mr. Alan Paic, Head, OECD Investment Compact for SEE, Global Relations Secretariat Review of Competitiveness Outlook – Investment Policy and Promotion Dimension

Followed by tour de table among members

11.00 – 12.30 EU investment policy: Evolving approaches towards creating better environment for investment

The session will address the EU approach as reflected in both TFEU and agreements concluded by the EU with third countries with regard to the investment liberalisation, ISDS, transitional regulation on authorization of the BITs of EU Member States.

Ms. Anca RADU, Policy Officer - Investment, DG Trade, European Commission

Discussion, Q&A

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch

Hotel Europa, Sarajevo

14.00 – 15.30 Coordination of Investment Policiy and Promotion Activities

This session will intend to further elaborate and discuss the proposal for a regional cooperation in the investment reforms for the CEFTA parties / SEEIC economies, from the perspective of the IFC/World Bank group, including identification of modules through which a regional investment policy agenda and promotion activities could be pursued among the region.

Investment Policy Reform and Promotion Activities

Mr. Ivan Anton Nimac, Head of Vienna Office of the World Bank Group (video link)

Mr. Harald Jedlicka, Senior Investment Policy Officer, Vienna office of the World Bank Group

Tour de table discussion - presentation is to be followed by the comments from the WGI participants and their views of the proposed regional cooperation agenda in investment policy and promotion, followed by an agreement on further actions and steps to be taken in this area.

15.30 – 16.00 Conclusions and steps forward

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