

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

1. SEE Countries Unanimously Adopted A Regional Framework for Investment (RFI) in South East Europe

SEE governments unanimously adopted the RFI at the Annual Ministerial Conference on "A Regional Framework for Investment in South East Europe" (Vienna, 26 – 27 June 2006). The RFI lays out the good practices in policy reform to improve the investment environment. Progress along the RFI will be measured through the Investment Reform Index (IRI) process. Regional priorities for reform based on the IRI process were also presented at the Conference.

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2. Preliminary Findings of the Investment Reform Index Evaluation

On the occasion of the 15th Project Team Meeting in Rome, Italy (12 May 2006) the OECD Investment Compact presented the preliminary results of the Investment Reform Index (IRI); recommended a set of policy priorities for reform in each SEE country; and discussed the policy principles of the Regional Framework for Investment in South East Europe. The preliminary results suggested that Bulgaria leads the SEE region in investment promotion, tax policy, trade and human capital. Romania stands out in investment and competition policies and has made tremendous strides in anti-corruption. Finally, Serbia has shown the most progress in implementing regulatory impact analysis (RIA) relative to its peers.

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3. Collaboration with the European Commission

The Investment Compact is currently collaborating with the European Commission on 2 key projects in 2006:

3.1. EC – OECD Project on "Strengthening Development and Implementation of Investment and Trade Policies in SEE"

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3.2. EC – OECD Project on "Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Western Balkans: Implementation of European Charter for Small Enterprises"

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4. Seminar on Investment Promotion for the Countries in South East Europe, 14 – 27 May, Tokyo, Japan

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5. Donors News

Austria, Flanders (Belgium), Ireland, USA, Italy, Norway, and Switzerland renewed their commitment and financial support to the Investment Compact for 2006 – 2007 at the Donors' Meeting in Rome, Italy, on 11 May 2006.

The Czech Republic will fund a coaching program on competition law enforcement in SEE countries in 2006.

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