



Regional Investment Strategy and Human Capital: Challenges and Opportunities

**Sector Specific Sources of Competitiveness Project:
Presentation of the Regional Investment Strategy**
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**Investment Committee for South East Europe:
2nd Meeting of the Human Capital Working Group**

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Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Radon Plaza Hotel
Džemala Bijedića 185

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2008

EVENING ARRIVAL IN SARAJEVO

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20:00-22:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL

Cocktail hosted by the World Bank Invest in the Western Balkans Programme
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THURSDAY 3 JULY

09:00-12:30 SESSION 1: SECTOR SPECIFIC SOURCES OF COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT: THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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09:00-09:30 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:30-10:00 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Haris Bašić, Foreign Investment Promotion Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms. Judith Novak, European Commission, Directorate General for Enlargement
Mr. Dermot Coffey, World Bank Invest in the Western Balkans Programme
Mr. Fadi Farra, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

10:00-10:30 SESSION 1.1: PRESENTATION OF THE SECTOR SPECIFIC SOURCES OF COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT

Description of the activities conducted by the World Bank, European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Mr. Dermot Coffey, World Bank Invest in the Western Balkans Programme
Mr. Fadi Farra, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45-12:00 SESSION 1.2: PRESENTATION OF THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Results of the sector analysis in four sectors:

1. Automotive components
2. Business process outsourcing
3. Information and communication technology
4. Textile and garments

Mr. Andrea Beltramello, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Ms. Erin Hengel, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Mr. Igor Zagrecki, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

12:00-12:30 **SESSION 1.3: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON RESULTS**

Facilitator: Ms. Judith Novak, European Commission, Directorate General for Enlargement
Facilitator: Mr. Fadi Farra, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

12:30-14:15 **LUNCH AND PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Lunch hosted by the Foreign Investment Promotion Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

14:15-17:30 **SESSION 2: SECTOR SPECIFIC SOURCES OF COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT: IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS**

14:15-15:45 **SESSION 2.1: IMPLEMENTATION ROAD-MAP – PROPOSED ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

Proposed projects to reduce certain barriers hindering sector specific investment and trade
Mr. Fadi Farra, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Mr. Andrea Beltramello, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Ms. Erin Hengel, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Mr. Igor Zagrecki, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Facilitator: Ms. Judith Novak, European Commission, Directorate General for Enlargement

15:45-16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00-16:45 **SESSION 2.2: SUSTAINING REFORMS – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS INITIATIVE**

Facilitator: Ms. Judith Novak, European Commission, Directorate General for Enlargement
Facilitator: Fadi Farra, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

16:45-17:30 **SESSION 2.3: CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Judith Novak, European Commission, Directorate General for Enlargement
Mr. Dermot Coffey, World Bank Invest in the Western Balkans Programme
Mr. Fadi Farra, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**19:30-
22:00** **OFFICIAL DINNER**

Dinner hosted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Restaurant Kibe

FRIDAY 4 JULY

**09:00-
13:00** **SESSION 3: 2ND MEETING OF THE HUMAN CAPITAL WORKING GROUP**

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**09:00-
09:30** **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

**09:30-
9:45** **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Senad Šepić, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr. Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**09:45-
10:30** **SESSION 3.1: CROATIAN LABOUR MARKET MONITORING PROJECT**

Mr. Tonko Doležal, Croatian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency
Facilitator: Ms. Maja Vehovec, Institute of Economics, Zagreb

**10:30-
11:00** **SESSION 3.2: SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM RESPONSES FOR MATCHING SKILL SUPPLY WITH SKILL DEMAND**

Once the scale and nature of skills gaps are determined – and given that different skills policies have different gestation periods – what should policymakers do over the short and medium terms?
Professor Ging Wong, Queen's University, Canada

**11:00-
11:15** **COFFEE BREAK**

**11:15-
12:00** **SESSION 3.3: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT REFORM INDEX (2009) HUMAN CAPITAL INDICATORS**

Review of the assessment framework and indicators for the human capital dimension of the Investment Reform Index 2009
Mr. Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**12:00-
12:30** **SESSION 3.4: EDUCATION REFORM INITIATIVE FOR SOUTH EAST EUROPE**

Ms. Aspasija Hadzisce, Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe

**12:30-
13:00** **SESSION 3.5: CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Alistair Nolan, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development