



COLLECTIVE ACTION – BUILDING ALLIANCES AGAINST CORRUPTION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

DRAFT AGENDA

Second Meeting Series



CONTEXT

Today's complex and volatile global business landscape, overshadowed by the Covid-19 pandemic crisis and its economic consequences, illustrates that there is a renewed urgency to create fair market conditions and a level playing field for all economic actors. In fact, ensuring that all market actors compete on equal footing will be a precondition for fostering a robust, inclusive and sustainable recovery in South East Europe.

In this context, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia have embarked in an ambitious Collaborative Action approach to foster fair competition and economic development. This collaboration takes place within the framework of the project on *Fair Market Conditions for Competitiveness in the Adriatic Region* with the Collective Action Community (CAC) as the catalyst for reform. The CAC convenes government officials, business representatives, civil society and academia and it collaborates to address country-specific drawbacks by applying OECD and international standards.

Conducted under the umbrella of the *OECD South East Europe Regional Programme*, this second series of meetings on *Building Alliances Against Corruption in South East Europe* will explore practical tools, OECD instruments and OECD country good practices to address priority challenges to fair competition in South East Europe while tailoring policy responses to the specific environment where they are applied.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WEBINAR

- Gather the stakeholders of the Collective Action Community to take stock of the progress in levelling the competitive playing field in South East Europe;
- Debate priority challenges in tackling corruption and creating fair market conditions for all economic actors;
- Discuss OECD tools and OECD country good practices for fostering fair market conditions in South East Europe and how to tailor policy responses to the country-specific settings;
- Shed light on how the Covid-19 crisis could affect the Collection Action initiatives.

STRUCTURE OF THE WEBINAR

The webinar will spread over two days, starting with a plenary session and continuing with three country specific sessions.

The high-level **plenary roundtable** will bring together key actors on Collective Action to take stock of the progress made through the collaboration and to discuss Competitive Neutrality as an instrument to foster competition and combat corruption in South East Europe. The plenary roundtable will set the scene for the country-specific roundtables.

The subsequent **country roundtables** will be dedicated to the Collective Action challenges and priorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia. After taking stock on the advancements in the Collective Action in each country, stakeholders from the private sector, government, academia and civil society will gain insights on OECD good practices and country-specific experiences in fostering fair market conditions.

16 September, 10:30-12:30 (CET)

INSTRUMENTS AND GLOBAL LESSONS FOR IMPLEMENTING COLLECTIVE ACTION

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10:30-10:35	Technical Introduction to the ZOOM Webinar
10:35-10:40	Welcoming Remarks Ms. Marzena KISIELEWSKA, Head of OECD South East Europe Division
10:40-11:00	Opening Remarks Mr. Andreas SCHAAL, Director, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD Mr. Shawn TEIXEIRA, Legal and Compliance, Director Collective Action, Siemens AG
11:00-11:10	Collective Action Project Update Mr. Hendrik BOSSHAMMER, Project Manager, OECD South East Europe Division
11:10-11:55	Competitive Neutrality as an Instrument for Integrity
	Mr. Antonio CAPOBIANCO, Acting Head, OECD Competition Policy Division OECD Country Good Practice Experience
11:55-12:25	Open Discussion
12:25-12:30	Concluding Remarks Ms. Marzena KISIELEWSKA, Head of OECD South East Europe Division

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14:20-15.05	Public Integrity as a Tool for Managing Conflict of Interest	
	 Mr. Julio BACIO TERRACINO, Acting Head, OECD Public Sector Integrity Division Mr. Sergejus MURAVJOVAS, CEO, Transparency International Lithuania 	
15:05-15.35	Open Discussion	
15:35-16:05	High Level Reporting Mechanism: Main Characteristics and Requirements Ms. Elisabeth DANON , Anti-Corruption Analyst, OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs	
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16:25-16:30	Concluding Remarks Ms. Marzena KISIELEWSKA, Head, OECD South East Europe Division	

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09:55-10.35	Enhance Open Government Culture for Effective Reporting of Corruption	
	 Mr. Alessandro BELLANTONI, Head, OECD Open Government and Civic Space Unit Mr. Jeff LOVITT, OGP Independent Reporting Mechanism – Member, International Experts Panel / Chair, New Diplomacy 	
10:35-11.05	Open Discussion	
11:05-11:35	High Level Reporting Mechanism: Main Characteristics and Requirements Ms. Vanessa HANS, Private Sector Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance	
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