

DRAFT AGENDA



A Roadmap towards Circular Economy of Albania

Launch meeting

27 March 2024
Rogner Hotel
Tirana, Albania

The [OECD](#) is a unique forum where governments work together to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges of globalisation. The Organisation provides a setting where governments can compare policy experience, seek answers to common problems, identify good practices and work to co-ordinate domestic and international policies.

Since 2000, the [OECD South East Europe Regional Programme](#) has been closely collaborating with economies of the region to foster growth, investment and employment through reforms that support competitiveness and private sector development. The programme addresses regional and national needs, capacities and reform priorities while translating OECD standards and best practices into actionable advice for South East European (SEE) economies (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo* Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia) and Türkiye.

■ “Supporting Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps” project

In October 2022, the OECD South East Europe Regional Programme launched a new action to support competitiveness and sustainability in the Western Balkans and Türkiye, financed by the European Commission. This 4-year project aims to reinforce economic governance and integration, while strengthening resilient and competitive markets, in line with the EU enlargement strategy, the Economic and Investment Plan, and the Green and Digital Agendas for the Western Balkans. Under the third pillar of this action the OECD supports the “Green Transition through Circular Economy Roadmaps”.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on Kosovo’s declaration of independence.

Building on the *greening* work carried out as part of the OECD’s flagship assessments of the Western Balkans, the [Competitiveness Outlook](#) and the [SME Policy Index](#), as well as drawing upon the OECD’s circular economy roadmap methodology, the OECD SEE Regional Programme provides support towards the preparation and implementation of circular economy roadmaps.

For Albania, one of the two economies still in need of a circular economy (CE) roadmap, the OECD provided support for its design so that it serves as a blueprint for the CE transition and can be fed into CE strategies and/or complement various strategies and policies.

The OECD assistance also revolves around supporting implementation on certain themes within circular economy across the region, through provision of expertise, regional knowledge exchange and OECD and EU good practice transfers. This support is delivered in different formats, such as workshops, capacity building sessions, or other peer-learning exercises, that best fit the specific objective and optimise knowledge-sharing.

■ Objective

The objective of the meeting will be to officially launch the Roadmap towards Circular Economy of Albania, present its main findings and recommendations and discuss the next steps – from the design to implementation, with the peers that already undertook this endeavour.

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Launch of the Circular Economy Roadmap of Albania

14:00 – 14:30 **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

14:30 – 15:00 **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

- **Ms. Marzena Kisielewska**, Head of OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Mirela Kumbaro Furxhi**, Minister of Tourism and Environment of Albania
- **Mr. Hubert Perr**, Head of Co-operation, Delegation of the European Union to Albania

15:00 – 15:30 **CIRCULAR ECONOMY ROADMAP OF ALBANIA – PRESENTATION OF THE KEY FINDINGS**

- **Ms. Jovana Pavlovic Djukic**, Team Lead – Green Economy and Sustainability, OECD South East Europe Division
- **Ms. Clémence Girin**, Policy Analyst, OECD South East Europe Division

15:30 – 16:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: From design to implementation – examples from peer countries**

Moderator: **Ms. Jovana Pavlovic Djukic**, Team Lead – Green Economy and Sustainability, OECD South East Europe Division

- **Mr. Sofjan Jaupaj**, Director General for Economic Affairs and Support Services, Circular Economy Co-ordinator for Albania, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- **Ms. Sanja Varajić**, Advisor, Directorate for Improving the Competitiveness of the Economy, Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro
- **Ms. Milena Rmuš**, Secretary of Co-ordinating Board for Energy Efficiency and Environment Protection, Chamber of Economy, Montenegro
- **Ms. Rovenka Preka**, Senior Researcher, National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development of Italy
- **Reflections from the CE Working Group of Albania**

16:30 – 16:45 **CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Mr. Sofjan Jaupaj**, Director General for Economic Affairs and Support Services, Circular Economy Co-ordinator for Albania, Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- **Ms. Marzena Kisielewska**, Head of OECD South East Europe Division

16:45 – 18:00 **COCKTAIL**

