



**EURASIA COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME
SOUTH CAUCASUS AND UKRAINE INITIATIVE**

**“FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM IN TRANSITION
ECONOMIES AND POLICIES FOR SME GROWTH”**

**WORKING GROUP ON
FINANCIAL MARKETS DEVELOPMENT AND IMPACT OF CENTRAL BANKS**

DRAFT AGENDA

**MEETING HOSTED AND CO-ORGANISED BY THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND
CO-CHAIRLED BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2009

VENUE:

**THE WESTIN HOTEL
WARSAW, POLAND**

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Objective

Following the mandate from the First Ministerial meeting of the Initiative on 1 April 2009, the first meeting of the Working Group on Financial Markets Development and Impact of Central Banks will be held on 17 November 2009 in Warsaw, Poland. Based on feedback from the countries, the purpose of this meeting is to initiate dialogue between countries from the South Caucasus and Ukraine, OECD countries and key representatives of the private equity industry, business incubators, research institutions and government regulators to discuss regulatory measures to support entrepreneurship in the region through better financial sector regulation and innovative financing arrangements. Questions addressed in this meeting will include:

- What are the challenges in financial markets reform faced by transition economies?
- How to regulate financial sectors appropriately, in times of economic crisis and beyond?
- What should be the role of supervisory authorities?
- How to build national and regional financial markets to develop into a financial centre? – Learnings from other transition economies;
- How to finance economic growth in the SCU region in times of crisis? – Developing guidelines for the monitoring and evaluation of targeted programmes to support financing of high growth SMEs;
- How to develop innovative sources of financing, such as venture capital, business angels networks and micro-finance facilities?

In preparation of this meeting, the OECD Secretariat will undertake policy reviews of the SCU region including topics like collateral and provisioning requirements, registration systems for movable assets, cadastre and credit guarantee schemes and others. The IMF will participate in the Working Group to provide further content expertise.

Participants

The meeting will be co-chaired by the Czech Republic and hosted and co-organised by the National supervision authority of the Republic of Poland.

Countries from the South Caucasus and Ukraine, OECD members and international organisations are invited to send experts in the areas of financial markets development such as representatives from Ministries of Finance, Central Banks and financial market regulators as well as banking and financial sector representatives from the private sector.

Contact details

We kindly ask all delegates from beneficiary countries to submit their presentations and background documents by **30 October 2009** to daniel.quadbeck@oecd.org, +33-(0)1 45 24 75 22.

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

8:45 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Pawel Wojciechowski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland

H.E. Mr. Dag Hartelius, Ambassador of Sweden to Poland

Mr. Vlastimil Tesar, Minister Counsellor, Delegation of the Czech Republic to the OECD

Mr. Volker Genetzky, DG Enterprise, European Commission

Mr. Fadi Farra, Head of Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, OECD

Mr. Colm Foy, Co-ordinator, Asia & Pacific, OECD Development Centre

9:30 – 12:30 Session I: Challenges in financial markets reform and the impact of the financial crisis on the South Caucasus and Ukraine

What are the challenges in financial markets reform faced by transition economies? What is the impact of the financial and economic crisis on the countries of the South Caucasus and Ukraine? What are the governments policy responses? What strategies have been developed to support SME financing in the region?

Moderator: Mr. Fadi Farra, OECD

- **Key note speech and Q&A: The financial crisis – Causal Factors and Financial Markets Reform**

Mr. Adrian Blundell-Wignall, Deputy Director of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

Coffee Break

- **Overview of the OECD Initiative for Investment and Competitiveness in the South Caucasus and Ukraine**
 - **The need to address Financial Markets Development in the region**
Mr. Fadi Farra, OECD
 - **Findings of “Policies for Competitiveness” country assessments**
Mr. Daniel Quadbeck, Policy Analyst, OECD

- **Challenges in financial markets reform and policies implemented in the South Caucasus and Ukraine**

Tour de Table

Delegates from the Ministries of Finance and Central Banks of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine are requested to give an overview of their challenges in financial markets reform, the impact of the financial and economic crisis on their countries and the policies which have been implemented in response. The intervention should focus on the institutional framework in place, the current reform agenda and on government strategies to finance SME growth in times of crisis and beyond.

Discussion

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Session II: The institutional framework in question

How to regulate financial sectors appropriately? What should be the role of supervisory authorities? What policies have worked – and have not worked – in other transition economies?

Moderator: Mr. Vlastimil Tesar, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Delegation of the Czech Republic to the OECD

Panel

- **Reforming financial sectors in the South Caucasus and Ukraine in light of the financial crisis experience**
Case – Center for Social and Economic Research
- **Policies for financial markets regulation**
Mr. Leslie Lipschitz (t.b.c.), IMF
- **Financial markets supervision: Poland's case**
Mr. Jaroslaw H. Kozlowski, Financial Supervision Authority of the Republic of Poland
- **Financial regulation in the Czech Republic**
Mr. Pavel Vacek, Director of Financial Market regulation, Czech National Bank

Discussion

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 Session III: Financing SME growth

How to finance economic growth in the South Caucasus and Ukraine in times of economic crisis and beyond? How to provide start-up support for SMEs through development banks? How to ease access to finance for SMEs by leveraging existing financial tools such as credit guarantee schemes, venture capital expansion and micro-finance facilities?

Moderator: Mr. Colm Foy, OECD Development Centre

Panel

- **Implications of foreign bank activities in emerging markets – Maximizing the positive impact for economic development**
Ms. Burcu Hacibedel, OECD Development Centre
- **Start-up support for SMEs through credit-guarantee schemes**
Mr. Lubomír Rajdl, Director General Strategy Division, Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank
- **A view from the private sector: Positive contributions for SME growth**
Mr. Rainer Münz (t.b.c.), Erste Bank Group
- t.b.d.

Discussion

17:30 - 18:00 Summary of the meeting and next steps

Mr. Fadi Farra, OECD

Mr. Colm Foy, OECD Development Centre

Mr. Vlastimil Tesar, Delegation of the Czech Republic to the OECD

Mr. Pawel Wojciechowski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland

18:00 – 21:00 Cocktail

All meeting documentation will be available online:

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