

Friends of South East Europe Agenda

Wednesday 20 April 2022

17:00-18:20, OECD Conference Centre, CC20

17:00-17:10 Welcoming and introductory remarks

- **Ambassador László TURÓCZY**, Chair of Friends of South East Europe, Permanent Delegation of Hungary to the OECD and UNESCO

17:10-17:30 High-level Conference on South East Europe

The OECD Secretariat will provide an overview of the upcoming High-level Conference on South East Europe *"Human Capital Flight – Shaping the Future Together"* to be held on 17 May in Paris (see <https://bit.ly/3u3n7iv>). The Conference will discuss ways that the region can leverage its human capital and create conditions for sustainable and inclusive growth, drawing on the OECD's latest analytical insights and offering participants the opportunity to exchange good practices.

At the conference, the OECD will release a new report on labour migration in the Western Balkans, which sheds light on the region's labour migration, with policy recommendations for tackling its root causes, managing migration effectively and linking with the diaspora. Prior to the launch, the OECD Secretariat will briefly present its key findings.

- **Mr. Andreas SCHAAL**, Director and Sherpa to the G20, the G7 and APEC, OECD Global Relations
- **Ms. Anita RICHTER**, Acting Head, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

17:30-18:15 Tour de table by OECD Delegations

Participants of the Friends of South East Europe group will be invited to provide an update of the OECD engagement in the conference. Suggestions on areas of specific interest and strategic importance to members, as well as updates on relevant initiatives with possible interlinkages with the Programme are welcome.

18:15-18:20 Concluding remarks and next steps

- **Ambassador TURÓCZY**, Chair of Friends of South East Europe, Permanent Delegation of Hungary to the OECD and UNESCO