

Friends of South East Europe Draft agenda

Monday 25 October 2021, 15:00-17:00

ZOOM

15:00-15:15 Welcoming and introductory remarks

- **Ambassador László TURÓCZY**, Chair of Friends of South East Europe, Permanent Delegation of Hungary to the OECD and UNESCO
- **Ambassador Thomas SCHNÖLL**, Chair of the External Relations Committee, Permanent Delegation of Austria to the OECD (TBC)

15:15-15:30 Update on the South East Europe Regional Programme

The OECD Secretariat will provide an overview of the Programme's strategic objectives, work and an update on the activities conducted in South East Europe.

- **Mr. Andreas SCHAAL**, Director, OECD Global Relations
- **Ms. Anita RICHTER**, Senior Policy Analyst, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

15:30-16:10 Presentation of the Competitiveness Outlook 2021 key findings

Following the release of the OECD [Competitiveness in South East Europe 2021: A Policy Outlook](#) publication by OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann at the Berlin Process Summit in July, the OECD Secretariat will present and discuss the regional assessment findings and recommendations.

- **Mr. Martin KOHTZE**, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations
- **Mr. Ali-Fuad TURGUT**, Project Manager, South East Europe Division, OECD Global Relations

Questions and answers

16:10-16:50 Tour de table and discussion

Participants will be invited to share ideas and expectations of the Friends of South East Europe group and ways to support the Programme in the OECD and in the region. Suggestions on areas of specific interest and strategic importance to members, as well as updates on relevant initiatives with possible

interlinkages with the Programme (e.g. EU Western Balkans summit, OECD Istanbul Center etc.) will be especially welcome.

16:50-17:00 Concluding remarks and next steps

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

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