



REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

Coordination with Donors and Official Development Assistance in SDGs in the
Context of South East Europe 2030 Strategy

CONCEPT NOTE

Background and rationale

The work on financing the UN 2030 Agenda is three-pronged: mobilisation, alignment, and impact. There is a need to ensure that development cooperation approaches and tools can effectively respond to the new complexity of sustainable development by providing appropriate support to countries as they transition through different phases of development. OECD/DAC statistics remain the global standard, however, require continued effort to collect, verify, compare and publish data on Official Development Assistance (ODA) and beyond, through updated methodologies, monitoring of members' compliance with the reporting rules and with specific DAC Recommendations, data quality reviews, capacity-building workshops and statistical peer reviews. To help achieve the SDGs in developing countries, development cooperation providers need a comprehensive measure of sustainable development financing that suits partner country needs, facilitates country-level planning processes, and increases international transparency with information on a broader set of resources at country, regional and global levels from all providers.

SEE ODA recipient economies have lately become one of the top ODA recipients per capita in the world. However, the existing availability in net ODA in SEE is in its decreasing trend in real terms. Allocation of ODA per policy objectives would be time-limited in line with the viability of each policy objective supported. Thus, it would be logical to utilise the abundant availability of funds to support the SEE's mid- to long-term sustainable economic growth perspectives to the maximum extent possible.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

The main objective is to highlight the very importance of aid effectiveness principles adopted by various international acts and declarations (ownership, alignment with recipient country priorities and policy frameworks, harmonisation, transparency and accountability, aid predictability, and civil society engagement and participation). Many sustainable development related challenges in SEE require revisiting policy options in programming ODA to increase their effectiveness and to support SEE recipient economies' efforts to reach their sustainable development goals. In this context, SEE2030 Strategy's strong reliance on aid effectiveness principles starting from its early stages of preparation will be presented as a good practice. During the event, some of the prominent regional and international donors in SEE will have the opportunity to present their methods in programming their ODA to SEE and how SDGs are correlated to ensure their aid effectiveness.

Organizers

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Agenda and Structure

SOUTH EAST EUROPE 2030 STRATEGY

COORDINATION WITH DONORS AND OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN SDGs

IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTH EAST EUROPE 2030 STRATEGY

13:15 – 13:30 Opening Remarks by Moderator

RCC Secretariat

13:30 – 14:15 Panel Discussion on Aid Effectiveness and Correlation between SDGs and ODA in the context of SEE2030 Strategy

Keynote speech: "UN SDGs and Official Development Assistance – SEE case as one of the top ODA recipients per capita in the world"

OECD

Panellists: How are SDGs correlated to national ODA programmes?

SEECF Donors

Turkey

Greece

Croatia

International donors

Germany – (to be confirmed)

14:15 – 14:30 Questions and Answers

14:30 – 14:45 Conclusions and Wrap-up

By RCC Secretariat

List of Panellists

Moderator:

Prof. Tanja Miscevic, Deputy Secretary General RCC Secretariat

Keynote speaker:

Haje Schutte, Senior Counsellor and Head of Financing for Sustainable Development Division of Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD

Panellists:

Rahman Nurdun, Vice President, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Türkiye

Eleni Nikolaidou, Director and Expert Minister Counsellor, Directorate of Development Cooperation Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Zdenko Lucić, State Secretary for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia

Germany (to be confirmed)

Closing remarks

Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General, RCC