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Current Challenges and Priorities of Public Administration Reform (PAR) in Albania: Key Findings of the 2017 SIGMA Monitoring Report

08:30 - 14:30, 9 March 2018

The workshop will bring together senior officials from various Government institutions and ministries, independent bodies, civil society organisations and international development partners, as well as representatives from the European Commission and EU Delegation to Tirana, with an objective to discuss the current challenges and priorities of PAR implementation in Albania. The main findings and recommendations of the SIGMA 2017 Monitoring Report for Albania will be presented and discussed.

- 08:30 – 08:45** **Welcome Coffee and Registration**
- 08:45 – 09:20** **Introductory Remarks: Priorities and Challenges of PAR Implementation in Albania and its importance in the EU Enlargement Context**
Ms Senida Mesi, Deputy Prime Minister of Albania
Mr Engjëll Agaçi, General Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
Mr Erjon Luçi, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy
Mr Stephen Stork, Head of Operations Section I, EU Delegation to Albania
Mr Bagrat Tunyan, SIGMA Country Co-ordinator for Albania
- 09:20 – 10:00** **SIGMA 2017 Monitoring Report: Key Findings/ Recommendations & Discussion: Methodological Overview, Strategic Framework of PAR and Policy Development and Co-ordination (Chapters 1 & 2)**
SIGMA Presentation and Q&A Discussion
Mr Bagrat Tunyan, SIGMA
- 10:00 – 10:45** **Public Service and Human Resource Management, Accountability and Service Delivery (Chapters 3, 4 & 5)**
SIGMA Presentation and Q&A Discussion
Mr Lech Marcinkowski, Mr Juhani Lemmik, SIGMA
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 11:45** **Public Financial Management (PFM), Public Procurement (Chapter 6)**
SIGMA Presentation and Q&A Discussion
Mr Brian Finn, Mr Piotr-Nils Gorecki, SIGMA
- 11:45 – 12:00** **PAR and PFM reforms: Importance of co-ordination and financial sustainability of reforms**
Mr Erjon Luçi, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Albania
- 12:00 – 12:15** **Priorities and Challenges for the Next Phase of PAR Strategy Implementation in Albania and Q&A**
Ms Albana Koçiu, Head of Department of Public Administration of Albania

12:15 – 12:30

Involvement of Civil Society Organisations (CSO) in PAR in Albania:

“Western Balkans Enabling Project for Civil Society Monitoring of Public Administration Reform (WeBER)” – Project implementation in Albania followed by Q&A.

Ms Aleka Papa, Policy Researcher, IDM Albania

12:30 – 13:20

Discussion: Comments and observations from CSOs, partners, donors and other participants

Ms Ratka Sekulovic, Director of the Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA)

Other participants

13:20 – 13:35

PAR Implementation Challenges in the Context of EU Enlargement Process

Ms Nisida Gjoksi / Mr Alberto Costa, EU Commission, DG NEAR European Commission, Albania and PAR Units

Ms Annelies Vanwymelbeke, PAR Programme Manager, EU Delegation to Tirana

13:35 – 14:30

Closing and lunch