

Challenges for Public Administration Reform (PAR) in Serbia:

Key Findings of the 2017 SIGMA Monitoring Report

09:00 – 15:00, 13 March 2018

The workshop will bring together senior officials from various Government bodies, independent institutions and civil society organisations and donors, as well as representatives from the European Commission and EU Delegation to discuss the current challenges and priorities of PAR implementation in Serbia.

The main findings and recommendations of the SIGMA 2017 Monitoring Report for Serbia will be presented and discussed.

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Coffee and Registration

09:30 – 09:50 Introductory Remarks: Priorities and Challenges of PAR Implementation in Serbia and its importance in the EU Enlargement Context

- Mr Branko Ružić, Minister of Public Administration and Local Self Government
- Ms Jelena Stojović, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- Mr Sem Fabrizi, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia

09:50 – 10:00 SIGMA 2017 Monitoring Report: Key Findings and Recommendations: Methodological Overview and SIGMA's role in supporting PAR in Serbia

- *Klas Klaas, SIGMA*

10:00 – 10:45 Strategic Framework of PAR and Policy Development and Co-ordination (Chapters 1 & 2), including 30 minutes for questions and general discussion

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10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 Public Service and Human Resource Management, Accountability and Service Delivery (Chapters 3, 4 & 5), including 30 minutes for questions and general discussion

- *Primož Vehar, SIGMA*

12:00 – 12:45 Public Financial Management, including Procurement and External Audit (Chapter 6), including 30 minutes for questions and general discussion

- *Brian Finn, Erika Bozzay, SIGMA*

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 14.15 Involvement of civil society organisations in PAR in Serbia:
"Western Balkans Enabling Project for Civil Society Monitoring of Public Administration Reform (WeBER)" – Project implementation in Serbia
Comments and observations from other NGOs and donors

14.15 – 14.45 Next Phase of PAR and PFM Implementation in Serbia: Priorities and Challenges

- Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self Government
- Ministry of Finance

14.45 – 15.00 PAR Implementation Challenges in the Context of EU Enlargement Process

- *Catherine Wendt, Head of Serbia Unit, DG NEAR European Commission*