

**S. E. Europe Regional Conference**  
**Self Assessment and Removal of Administrative Barriers to Investment**  
**Hotel Saraj**  
**Sarajevo, 26 – 27 February, 2003**

**Wednesday, 26 February**

- 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 Welcome address, Minister Gadzic, Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 9:45 Introduction to Conference, Jackie Coolidge, Program Manager for Europe, FIAS

*Comparative data on administrative procedures in S. E. Europe*

- 10:15 Presentation of comparative survey results for S. E. Europe, Jackie Coolidge, FIAS
- 10:30 Discussion

- 11:15 Coffee break

*Examples of best-practice in removal of administrative barriers in S. E. Europe  
(Specific Administrative Procedures)*

- 11:30 **Romania:** Company Registration, Ms. Cornelia Simion, Min. of Dev. and Prognosis
- 11:45 **Croatia:** Foreign Investors-Investors Entry, Mr. Slavko Linić, Deputy Minister
- 12:00 **Macedonia:** Three Years after the Introduction of VAT, Mr. Ruse Kocevski, Ministry of Finance
- 12:15 **Albania:** Administrative Barriers and Legislative Framework in Albania, Mr. Eris Hoxha, Boga & Associates
- 1:30 **Slovenia:** Spatial Planning and Building Reform, Ms. Sabina Šerko, Ministry of Environment
- 1:45 **Serbia:** Locating in Serbia – Problems and Recommendations, Ms. Slavica Penev, Economics Institute
- 2:00 **Bulgaria:** Breaking the Billion Dollar FDI Limit, Ms. Iva Stoykova, BFIA
- 2:15 **Bosnia:** [to be determined]
- 2:30 Discussion

- 3:00 Tea Break

*Examples of best-practice in removal of administrative barriers  
(General Reform process)*

- 3:30 **Latvia:** Lars Grava (Latvian Development Agency)
- 4:00 **Slovenia:** Removal of Administrative for Investments in Slovenia, Mrs. Nevenka Črešnar Pergar, Ministerial Counsellor
- 4:15 Investment Compact for South-East Europe, Antonio Fanelli, OECD
- 4:45 Discussion
  
- 5:30 Reception

## Thursday, 27 February

### *Experience with Self-Assessment*

- 9:30 Templates – Round-table discussion (Mr. Lars Grava, Moderator)  
Questions for discussion:
- Are the questions appropriate and do they yield useful information?
  - How easy/difficult is it to get the information requested?
  - How easy/difficult is it to analyze the information obtained?
  - How can the templates be improved?
- 10:15 Business Survey – Round-table discussion (Ms. Jackie Coolidge, Moderator)  
Questions for discussion:
- Are the questions appropriate and do they yield useful information?
  - How representative/appropriate are the samples of respondents?
  - How useful are the results for “benchmarking” over time and across countries?
  - Do the results help increase pressure for reform within Government?
  - How can the survey be improved?
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:15 Dialog and Action Plan – Round-table discussion (Mr. Lars Grava, Moderator)  
Questions for Discussion
- How easy/difficult is it to get the appropriate participants to meet?
  - How easy/difficult is it to agree on priorities?
  - How easy/difficult is it to agree on concrete reform measures?
  - How can the dialog process be improved?
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Self-Assessment (draft) Manual and overall Self-Assessment Projects – Round-table discussion (Ms. Jackie Coolidge, Moderator)  
Questions for Discussion
- How useful is the Self-Assessment Manual?
  - How can the manual and other aspects of the project be improved?
- 2:15 Next Steps for S. E. Europe – Round-table discussion (Ms. Jackie Coolidge, Moderator)  
Questions for Discussion
- How best to share information/experiences in the future?
  - Future rounds of survey results
  - Future seminars
- 3:00 Tea Break
- 3:30 Wrap Up – Lessons Learned (Ms. Jackie Coolidge, Moderator)
- 4:00 Closing

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