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Monitoring the implementation of Ukraine's SME Strategy

Virtual Peer Review
Thursday, 18 June 2020

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Abstract

The Government of Ukraine has embarked in an important effort to support the SME sector, adopting a comprehensive SME development strategy in 2017 and improving its institutional framework for SME policy, notably with the creation of the SME Development Office (SMEDO) and the inter-ministerial Co-ordination Council on Micro and Small Entrepreneurship Development. Throughout 2019, the OECD reviewed the implementation status of the SME development strategy in close co-operation with the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture. As part of this work, the OECD provided recommendations for future policy action as well as targeted advice on how to build an effective, result-oriented monitoring system.

This webinar is part of a series of events organised by the [OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme](#) between 27 May and 25 June. The discussion will be based on a draft OECD Peer Review note that assesses the state of implementation of Ukraine's SME development strategy and provides recommendations to build its monitoring system.

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Participants

Ministers, deputy ministers and senior policymakers from Eastern Europe, South Caucasus, Central Asia and OECD member countries responsible for the design and implementation of SME policies, private sector representatives, international experts, and representatives of the European Union, the OECD and other international organisations.

Technical Details

Registration and Access:

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- Please join 15 minutes prior to the start of the session, with the personalised confirmation link provided following your registration.

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Draft Agenda

Please note that the timing below is based on GMT+2 time zone (Paris time).

08.45 - 09.00	<p>Access to thematic peer review session</p> <p><i>Participants are advised to join the meeting 15 minutes prior the start time to familiarise themselves with the video conference tool, Zoom, and the interpretation function of the video conference. Thank you for consulting the e-logistics note prior to joining the meeting.</i></p>
09.00 - 09.20	<p>Opening</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Professor Aleksander Surdej, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the OECD and Chair of the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Dmytro Romanovych, Deputy Minister for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture, Ukraine• Ms Julda Kielyte, Team Leader, Economic and Fiscal Reforms Team in Support Group for Ukraine, DG NEAR, European Commission
09.20 - 10.00	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p><i>This OECD Eurasia webinar will focus on the implementation status of Ukraine's SME development strategy, its monitoring system, and priorities going forward.</i></p> <p>I. Implementation status of SME strategy and policy priorities for Ukraine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview presentation by OECD secretariat• Key insights by Mr Andriy Slabinskiy, Director of SME Development Office, Ukraine <p>II. Lead reviewer observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Janez Šušteršič, Peer reviewer <p>III. Experience from other countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insights from Mr Mikheil Khidureli, CEO, Enterprise Georgia• Insights from a representative of Central Asia country (Kazakhstan, tbc)
10.00 - 10.05	<p>Poll</p> <p><i>All participants will be invited to take part in an informal poll to reflect on future priorities for promoting SME Development in Ukraine</i></p>
10.05 - 10.25	<p>Open discussion</p> <p>The Chair will open the floor to all participants for discussion focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tools to effectively monitor implementation of SME strategies• Priorities for SME policy in Ukraine going forward• Specific instruments to support SMEs in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.
10.25 - 10.30	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Professor Aleksander Surdej, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the OECD and Chair of OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable

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