We support capacity development for finance officials through our learning program and serve as a platform for knowledge exchange.

We invite all who share our passion for a long-term impact in supporting reform efforts in public financial management, tax policy and administration, and central banking in South East Europe to partner with us.

Together we can work better, do more, and make a bigger impact.
PARTNER WITH US?

We believe that increased knowledge and skills of individuals, teams, and institutions working in the area of public finance contribute to advancing societies governed by the rule of law and prospering from economic growth and financial stability.

We serve our constituency: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Turkey.

We primarily serve ministries of finance, tax administrations, and central banks in South East Europe. If there is demand and resources allow it, we also focus on capacity development needs of other key stakeholders and are present in some other countries.

WHY

We deliver results.
Our learning program focuses around three technical thematic areas of public financial management, tax policy and administration, and central banking. We strengthen their impact by addressing also a fourth, non-technical priority area of leadership for managing reforms.

There is no good governance without sound finances. However, taking a technical perspective in promoting sound reforms is not sufficient. Therefore we devote our attention to supporting people and professional relationships among them. We want to support leaders to create — or be part of — a team who is able to make difficult things happen.

OUR FOCUS

CEF THEMATIC AREAS

Public Financial Management
- Budget Preparation and Execution
- Accounting and Auditing

Tax Policy and Administration

Central Banking

Leadership for Managing Reforms
WE SERVE AS A KNOWLEDGE HUB FOR SOUTH EAST EUROPE

As a knowledge hub, we combine thematic expertise with in-depth knowledge of the reform needs of countries in the region and good comprehension of how these reforms take place.

As experts in learning and knowledge sharing, we know how to nurture and expedite learning among individuals and institutions.

HOW DO WE GET RESULTS?
WE SUPPORT CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH LEARNING

We provide a platform for people to meet and connect. We make sure our learning space is stimulating and fun and that those who join us in learning remain connected in a regional network of experts that can become their support group.

We design and implement our program through innovative, participatory, and practical learning solutions.

Certification course
Specialization program
Conference
Expert visit
Seminar
Workshop
Community of practice
Network
Study visit
Blog
E-learning course
Video
Webinar

Based on well-defined objectives and as experts in learning, we ensure that learning and knowledge exchange programs are well managed. We extend the reach of our learning initiatives beyond classroom by using social media and online communication tools.
WE DESIGN AND DELIVER INTERACTIVE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

We rely on a participatory approach to learning. We engage participants in the design, delivery and monitoring of our learning events, building on their experience. We strive to make learning practical and in line with individual and institutional needs.

OUR KEY ASSETS: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SMALL, DYNAMIC AND WELL-RUN TEAM

Our governance structure consists of the Governing Board, the Advisory Board, the Coordinators, and the Secretariat. The governance bodies have distinct and complementary goals and responsibilities. We believe that cooperation with the stakeholders is important for the delivery of a high-quality capacity development program.

CEF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Governing Board
Ministers, Governors and heads of other relevant institutions, or their nominated representatives and up to three representatives of the Advisory Board

Decision Making Bodies

CEF Secretariat
Director
Staff
Experts

Advisory Board
Donors and partners

Advisory Consultative Bodies

Coordinators
Representatives of member institutions responsible for human capacity development
We pay attention to the impact, visibility and accountability of our work. These are in support of scaling up our partnerships and increasing donor contributions.
I participated at the CEF course “Maximizing the Value of Internal Auditing in Public Sector”. This was an excellent opportunity to meet experienced experts and share knowledge with internal auditors from different countries and public entities.

The interactive manner of the experts, the professional level of the participants, and the support of the CEF created the premises for sharing and learning. The group exercises were excellent for debating practical case questions, and I appreciated the opportunity of exchanging opinions with auditors from other countries with different levels of implementation of internal audit.

After attending the seminar I have applied some of the topics discussed with the Dutch experts in my everyday work, such as efficient communication with the top management or ways of improving the structure of the Annual Report. I have also had contact with some of the participants at different meetings.

Mioara Diaconescu
Director of Central Harmonization Unit for Public Internal Audit
Ministry of Public Finance
Romania
We ensure that in communication with the donors, we present our joint endeavors and impact. Our communication activities help us illustrate our work’s impact and results, showcase the region’s successes, publicize our learning programs, and support sharing thematic knowledge beyond classrooms.

We use online communication channels to make real-time reports from our learning initiatives and publish social media posts, relevant materials, research findings and highlights of the meeting discussions in an online repository. This helps us extend the reach of knowledge beyond classroom and increase the visibility of our donor partners, participants and their institutions.

Our communications and program teams invest their knowledge and ideas in presenting our results through reports and communication tools.
ACCOUNTABILITY
GOOD GOVERNANCE
AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

We are committed to the principles of transparency and accountability. Pursuing these principles allows us to maximize our efforts to development outcomes, with full responsibility to donors and beneficiaries. Our financial management and business processes are subject to audit by internal and external auditors. We apply high standards of transparency to our funding and publish information on all grants received in our annual reports.
How to partner with us?

By understanding the reform efforts of the region, we have developed the focus and direction of a medium-term learning program. Based on this, our learning experts put forward a number of concept notes for projects and activities of different size and duration.

Our learning events are free of charge for eligible participants. You can partner with us by providing financial resources or contributing your in-kind expertise to projects or activities. Alternatively, you can invite us to contribute to your program that is in line with our program focus and direction.

We aim to ensure medium-term financing based on our medium-term programming.
EXAMPLES OF OUR SUCCESSFUL FUNDING MODELS

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING
FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION (100%)

- Multi-beneficiary project
- Financing: program development, delivery, experts, participants’ travel and lodging
- In-kind contributions: IMF (experts), ReSPA (hosting)

2. TRAINING OF INTERNAL AUDITORS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN MACEDONIA
FINANCED BY USAID AND SLOVENIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (50% + 50%)

- Single-beneficiary project
- Financing: program development, delivery and experts in the beneficiary country
- In-kind contributions: CEF and the Slovenian Ministry of Finance, in-kind contributions by beneficiary: program management, provision of local classrooms and design of study materials

CONTACT US with your proposal for cooperation.
Over the last decade, the Fiscal Affairs Department (FAD) has anchored its technical assistance delivery to countries in South East Europe by basing resident advisors for Public Financial Management and Revenue Administration in the CEF, supported by resources from our headquarters, and since 2015 financed by EC. The synergies between FAD’s technical assistance delivery activities and the CEF’s regional learning programs, a number of which have been jointly run with the FAD staff, also continues to enhance the impact in terms of capacity development. The FAD is committed to the relationship with the CEF and we look forward to further successful cooperation in 2016 and beyond.

Vitor Gaspar
FAD Director, International Monetary Fund

Their training approach is interactive and hands-on, and includes presentations of case studies by participants, among them also colleagues from countries we share constituencies with at the IMF, the World Bank and the EBRD. The Dutch experts highly value cooperation with the CEF staff. Together they create a professional training atmosphere where both participants and experts get inspired.

Angelique van Haasteren
TA Coordinator, Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands
OUR PARTNERS

BILATERAL PARTNERS

MULTILATERAL PARTNERS

KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTIONS

PEER ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS
We are experts in learning and knowledge sharing in the thematic areas of public financial management, tax policy and administration, central banking, and leadership for managing reforms. We share offices with IMF regional technical assistance advisors who use the CEF as their hub for technical assistance missions.