Integration of Structural Reforms into Fiscal Programming
April 9 – 11, 2014

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Workshop Report

May 5, 2014
The primary objective of the course was to enhance fiscal policy coordination of structural reforms among ministries, and to enhance the capacity of ministries of finance to carry out the coordination task.

The following topics were discussed during the course:

- Concept of structural reforms
- Structural reforms as an integral part of EU surveillance reporting (i.e. EFP/PEP)
- Preparing EFP/PEP chapter on structural reforms
- Fiscal implications of various kinds of structural reforms
- Importance of social cost-benefit analysis in fiscal programming
- Integration of structural reforms into fiscal programming of Montenegro
- Integration of structural reforms into fiscal programming of Turkey
- Integration of structural reforms into fiscal programming of the Netherlands

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**Lecturers:**

- Mojmir Mrak, Professor of International Finance, University of Ljubljana, and CEF Associate Fellow
- Dirk Jan Kraan, Public Financial Management Advisor for South East Europe of the IMF
- Tijana Stanković, Advisor to Vice Prime Minister for Economic Policy and Financial System, Montenegro
- Taşkin Babaoğlan, Planning Expert, Ministry of Development, Turkey
- Bert Hof, Senior Researcher, Competition & Regulation Department, SEO Economic Research, the Netherlands

**Participants:**

There were 20 participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.
Evaluation:

**Overall satisfaction with the course**

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No. of all responses: 19, Average mark: **4.68**

**The workshop addressed issues that are important to my work**

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No. of all responses: 19, Average mark: **4.16**
Selected Participants' Comments:

- After this seminar, I have clear picture of the whole process. Now I understand all previous questions and comments in the report of the international institutions. What is also important is that my country has good legislation to cover structural reforms, what is needed now is to improve capacities and to better organize the flow of information between LMs and within the MoF.
- This workshop increased my knowledge in the field of EFP/PEP preparation and integration of SR into fiscal programming. It will help me in my daily work, especially in the costing of SR.
- Thank you CEF! That was very useful seminar for me!
- I would like to thank you for this excellent experiment. It was very useful for my job, and thanks for your hospitality.
- This was one of the best events I participated in, especially from the organization stand.