

M&E Capacity Development in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Final Conference

Vienna Hilton, April 28-29, 2014

Objectives:

The project's development objective has been to build capacity of the participating governments in M&E of sector policies. This has been achieved through formulating sector-level performance indicators, hands-on technical assistance and coaching, as well as sectoral peer learning on how to use such indicators. The purpose of these indicators is first to assist the participating governments to monitor progress in the implementation of their sector reforms (strategies), and secondarily to feed into the EC's IPA2 process that presumes a sector-based approach.

The final conference brings all participating governments across sectors together to discuss lessons learned from the project, namely the experience with formulating and vetting the indicators across countries and sectors. More importantly, the indicators are only meaningful if they are demanded by high-level decision makers and used for evidence-based policy making. Therefore, the purpose of the conference is to raise the profile of M&E as a part of the policy cycle by involving policy makers and discussing the use of indicators for evidence-based policy making and performance-based management.

The conference aims to:

1. Engage high level decision makers in a dialogue on monitoring and evaluation, as well as performance-based management and evidence-based policy making more generally. Specifically, engage them in the discussion on the utility of indicators to both measure the success of their policies and plan new ones.
2. Support senior technical line ministry representatives in their monitoring and evaluation practice, by linking the indicators developed under the project to the high level dialogue on monitoring and evaluation, thereby generating increased engagement, ownership and accountability at all levels.
3. Provide additional peer learning, at both policy and technical levels, for all sectors and all countries involved, learning from their experiences on M&E.

Preliminary Agenda

Monday, April 28th	
9:00-9:45	Welcoming Remarks Jean-Eric Paquet - European Commission Director ELARG C Ellen Goldstein-World Bank Country Director
9:45-10:30	Building Political Will for Effective Monitoring and Evaluation Niko Peleshi-Deputy Prime Minister of Albania Moderator: Ellen Goldstein
10:30 -11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 -12:00	Project accomplishments- are we institutionalizing M&E? Jana Kunicova- Senior Public Sector Specialist & Project Manager Odoardo Como- Head of Evaluation, DG Enlargement Moderator: Adrian Fozzard
12:00 -13:30	Lunch

13:30 -14:30	Ministers Round Table- Accountability for performance through M&E Moderator: Jean Eric Paquet- European Commission H.E. Klajda Gjoshaj- Minister of European Integration Albania H.E. Mahir Yagcilar Minister of Public Administration Kosovo ¹ H.E. Milena Harito- Minister of State for Public Administration and Innovation Albania
14:30-14:45	Coffee Break
14:45- 16:00	Ministers Round Table- Accountability for performance through M&E Moderator: Adrian Fozzard- World Bank H.E Pedrag Bošković- Minister of Labor Montenegro Alban Zusi- Deputy Minister of Agriculture Albania Admir Suljagic- Director of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council Bosnia and Herzegovina Cedomir Backovic- Assistant Minister of Justice Serbia
16:00-16:30	Sector leaders present highlights to bridge to day 2 technical sessions Day 1 wrap up- Jana Kunicova
Tuesday, April 29th	
9:00 -9:10	Day 2 Introduction: Overview of the break-out sessions Jana Kunicova- World Bank
9:10- 9:30	Monitoring system for IPA 2 Odoardo Como- European Commission
9:30- 9:45	Eurostat statistical cooperation: Use of indicators in assistance programmes Marius Andersen
9:45 -11:15	Concurrent session: Why do we need indicators: Indicators for better policy making in Agricultural Moderator: Raymond Bordeaux
	Concurrent session: Civil Service Reform technical session <i>Country Progress on Civil Service Reform indicators</i> Moderator: Elena Nikulina
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 -13:00	Concurrent session: Employment technical session <i>Moderator: Goran Tinjic</i>
	Concurrent session: Private Sector Development technical session <i>Sharing Macedonia's Experience developing PSD Indicators</i> Moderator: Gordana Popovic
13:00 -14:00	Lunch
14:00 -15:30	Justice Plenary Session- Presentation on <i>EU Justice scoreboard</i> <i>Aristotelis Gavriiladis- European Commission – DG JUST</i> Moderator: Klaus Decker
15:30 -16:00	Sector sessions report back to Plenary Moderator: Odoardo Como & Jana Kunicova

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

16:00 -16:30

Closing remarks- Rudiger Boogert- Head of IPA Strategy and Quality
Adrian Fozzard- World Bank