

UNECE invitation to the

Launch of the Sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook 2020: Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus



HIGH-LEVEL WEBINAR

**Wednesday,
25 November 2020**

**10:00–12:00 CET*
KUDO Web-platform**

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The Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus (EESC) sub-region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine) has considerable potential for sustainable growth and development. Innovation, or broad experimentation with new ideas, is crucial to making the most of this potential – and for public policy to play an effective role in enabling and promoting this dynamic. The increasing complexity of socioeconomic challenges, not least caused by COVID-19, require robust legal frameworks, strong institutions and evidence-based policies to respond to the changing environment, emerging constraints and new opportunities.

The Sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook (IPO), a pilot United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) flagship publication, supports efforts in the EESC region to respond to this requirement through a concerted, systematic and comprehensive assessment and through comparison of the scope, quality, and effectiveness of innovation policies, institutions and processes. The IPO complements international composite indices measuring innovation inputs, outputs and performance by looking more closely at the role that policies and institutions play in promoting innovation and by focusing on a group of countries with shared economic, structural, legacy and institutional features.

Participation

The IPO launch event will be opened by Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE, and brings together EESC ministers and deputy ministers, EESC innovation stakeholders, international experts, international organisations and the UNECE secretariat.

Please note that the times indicated below are based on central European time (CET) zone. Interpretation will be provided for both English and Russian during the webinar.

Registration

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Moderator

Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation
and Trade Division, UNECE

10:00–10:20

Opening

- Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, WIPO (tbc)
- H.E. Ms. Anna Jardfelt, Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative,
Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office
and other international organisations in Geneva

10:20–10:35

Context and background of the IPO

- Mr. Anders Jönsson, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section,
UNECE

10:35–10:55

Summary of process and main IPO findings by the UNECE secretariat

10:55–11:30

Opening

- H.E. Mr. Gor Melikyan, First Deputy Minister,
Ministry of High-Tech Industry, Armenia
- H.E. Mr. Elmir Valizadeh, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transport,
Communications and High Technologies, Azerbaijan
- H.E. Mr. Sergei Sherbakov, Vice Chairman, State Committee
on Science and Technology, Belarus (tbc)
- High-level representative, Georgia (tbc)
- H.E. Mr. Anatolie Topala, General Secretary,
Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, Moldova
- H.E. Professor Mykola Kyzym, First Deputy Minister,
Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine

11:30–11:40

Interventions from partner organisations

- Mr. Andreas Schaal, Director, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD
- Mr. Bernhard Magenmann, Deputy Director General,
Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

11:40–12:00

Summary and closing by the UNECE secretariat