



ReSPA

Regional School
of Public Administration

High-level Conference on

**PROMOTING SECTOR REFORMS
THROUGH BUDGET SUPPORT AND
IMPROVING SECTOR SERVICE
DELIVERY**

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Danilovgrad, Montenegro



Rationale

Sector Budget Support is a modality of assistance based on the transfer of financial resources from an external financing agency to the National Treasury of a partner country in support of a sector programme, following the respect by the latter of agreed conditions for payment. The aim of Sector Budget Support policy is to support sector programmes by the EU. A basic requirement for Sector Budget Support is that a specific sector programme is defined when a sector policy is clearly established. The Sector Budget Support should not be seen as an end in itself, its aim is to provide an enhanced and comprehensive framework to deal with the four elements of the package in order to maximise the impact and value for money of budget support on the ground. The effective Sector Budget Support requires partnership and mutual accountability of both the EU and beneficiary. Its implementation is based on defined legal and procedural framework. There are certain eligibility criteria that should be met by beneficiaries and a budget support dialogue is used in order to reach common understanding between the parties.

Objectives

Objectives of this one day conference are to make the target audience familiar with basics of the Sector Budget Support that will be provided to the ReSPA Members by the EU. The participants of the conference should remain with basic knowledge on the rational, policy and regulatory context of the Sector Budget Support, the methodology of its implementation and budget support dialogue. The role of eligibility criteria will be explained. The Sector Budget Support as a concept of financial assistance will be presented by a high level EC official.

Target audience

The target audience for this conference are high level officials from NIPAC Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry or equivalent institution responsible for Public Administration Reform and any other institution responsible for coordination of external assistance, from the ReSPA Members and Kosovo*.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of independence



DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.15	Registration of participants
9.15 – 9.30	Welcome remarks Mr. Suad Music, ReSPA Director EC Representative, TBC
9.30 – 09.45	Rational for Budget Support. Policy and Regulatory context
09.45 – 11.15	BS Methodology (eligibility criteria, policy dialogue, sector strategy)
11.15 – 11.45	Questions and Answers
11.45 – 12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.00 – 12.15	Timelines
12.15 – 12.45	Getting started: Presentation of country specific trainings ReSPA representative
12.45 – 13.30	Questions & Answers Wrap-up of Conference
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Departure of participants</i>