

Meeting of ReSPA Liaison Officers

26 November 2024, Skopje, North Macedonia
Holiday Inn, Filip Vtori Makedonski No. 5, Skopje

The role of ReSPA Liaison Officers (LOs) and focal point, is critical in ensuring effective coordination, communication, and implementation of ReSPA's initiatives across the Western Balkans. This meeting aims to provide a platform for Liaison Officers to share insights, exchange experiences, and discuss the challenges they face in their tasks.

Through interactive discussions, we will explore ways to enhance the use of ReSPA's direct support instruments, strengthen the impact of the Western Balkans Knowledge Management Platform, and refine processes for collaboration. The session will also serve as an opportunity to outline the main parameters of the flagship activities planned for 2025, gather feedback, and identify avenues for improved synergy and visibility at the national level.

Active participation of LOs will contribute to fostering a more connected and effective network, furthering our shared goal of advancing public administration reform and good governance in the region.

Draft Agenda

15:30	-	15:35	Welcome and introduction to the purpose of the meeting
15:35	-	16:05	<p>The main parameters of the Indicative Draft Programme of Work 2025¹</p> <p>Usage of direct support instruments, state of art, upcoming expected applications/proposals;</p> <p><i>Short presentation by ReSPA Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Feedback by LOs and Programme Managers, discussions</i></p>
16:05	-	16:25	<p>LOs support and contribution to the WB Knowledge Management Platform</p> <p><i>Short presentation by ReSPA Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Followed by discussions with LOs</i></p>
16:25	-	16:55	<p>Discussion and exchange of views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges faced by Liaison Officers during the performance of their tasks, dynamics of work, cooperation, and ideas for upgrading - Nomination of members in the thematic regional groups when they are missing (it is essential to ensure that all thematic groups have members with appropriate expertise); - Profile of participants nominated to attend ReSPA activities;

¹ Subject of approval by the Governing Board in its December meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delays faced in the identification of participants; - Identification of inspiring examples and projects/initiatives from the respective administrations in relation to PAR and EU integration; - Provision of information by the LOs on PAR-related activities and plans of public institutions in the home administration and other organizations; - Promoting visibility of ReSPA at national level; - Quality of reporting; - Suggestions for improvement of the processes and interaction with LOs/participants; - etc. <p><i>Informal exchange of views among ReSPA Secretariat and Liaison officers</i></p>
16:55	- 17.00	Wrap-up and main takeaways