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Preparatory Meeting on Study on Integrated Planing Systems in Western Balkans Administrations

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Aim and Purpose of the Meeting

In 2021 ReSPA developed national studies on policy coordination in its members and Kosovo*¹ and organized several workshops and one regional Conference devoted to this topic. Thanks to these studies, seminars, and conferences, the regional network of policy coordinators was established, and a comprehensive regional academy on evidence-based policymaking was launched. Following these achievements, in 2023, ReSPA plans to enlighten specific topics related to the functioning of the integrated planning systems (IPS) in Western Balkans administrations as a logical step forward.

IPS constitutes a wide range of planning and monitoring functions designed to ensure that the government's central policy and budget processes operate coherently, efficiently, and in an integrated manner. The functioning of the IPS ultimately should create substantial and consistent policies that are affordable, economically efficient, and financially sustainable. It should include consultation with relevant domestic and international stakeholders. Through IPS, planned reforms/policies should help the governments in more accessible and faster achievements of the priorities related to entry and membership in the European Union. IPS should ensure that all public policies are developed, implemented, communicated, and appropriately monitored. Also, appropriate IPS supports the transposition and implementation of the EU Acquis in all sectors. It helps integrate and coordinate public investments from the domestic budget with EU support and other international development partners' funds.

The level of development and implementation of IPS in Western Balkan administrations differs. Therefore, the introductory meeting of the Regional network of policy coordinators with selected experts is a necessary preparatory step for producing the overarching Study on integrated planning systems in Western Balkans.

¹ * 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

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 28 March 2023

09.00	-	09.15	Welcome and introduction to the purpose of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dragan Djurić, Programme Manager – Coordinator
09.15	-	09.45	Tour de table with an introduction of the participants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderated by Dragan Djurić
09.45	-	10.45	Presentation of the methodology and the questionnaire for further work of local experts on the Study <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keit Kasemets, lead expert• Discussion
10.45	-	11.15	Short presentation of the members of the Regional network of policy coordinators and local experts on the state of the art of IPS in Albania: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oriana Arapi, General Director, Prime Minister Office• Nevila Como, local expert• Discussion
11.15	-	11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.45	-	12.15	Short presentation of the members of the Regional network of policy coordinators and local experts on the state of the art of IPS in Bosnia and Herzegovina: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nijaz Avdukić, Director a.i. Development Programming Institute of FBiH• Sanja Vojnović, Head of department for strategic planning Government of the Republic of Srpska, General Secretariat• Discussion
12.15	-	12.45	Short presentation of the members of the Regional network of policy coordinators and local experts on the state of the art of IPS in Montenegro: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranko Andrijašević, Head of Unit Secretariat General of the Government Sector for Government Strategies• Discussion
12.45	-	13.15	Short presentation of the members of the Regional network of policy coordinators and local experts on the state of the art of IPS in North Macedonia: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suzana Nikodijevikj Filipovska, Head of Sector for policy analysis and coordination, General Secretariat of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia• Magdalena Shaldeva, local expert• Discussion
13.15	-	14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>

14.30	-	15.00	<p>Short presentation of the members of the Regional network of policy coordinators and local experts on the state of the art of IPS in Serbia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanja Mešanović, Deputy Director of Public Policy Secretariat in Serbia • Milena Lazarević, local expert • Discussion
15.00	-	15.15	<p>Short presentation of the members of the Regional network of policy coordinators and local experts on the state of the art of IPS in Kosovo*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demush Sasha, local expert • Discussion
15.15	-	15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45	-	16.45	<p>Exchange of views on the potential challenges in the development of the Study and discussion on the further steps and time frame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keit Kasemets, lead expert • Discussion
16.45	-	17.00	<p>Wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragan Djurić, Programme Manager