



Conference on Regional Cooperation among Technical Secretariats of the National Investment Commissions of ReSPA Members and Kosovo*

Tirana, Albania, 1–2 November 2016

ReSPA continuously facilitates improved cooperation among
Technical Secretariats of National Investment Commissions



The Conference was opened by Mrs. Ratka Sekulović, ReSPA Director, and Mrs. Erisa Xhixho, Deputy Minister of European Integration of Albania, who welcomed participants by emphasizing the importance of further strengthening of the regional cooperation amongst the National Investment Commissions (NICs).

Mr. Yngve Engström, Head of Cooperations at the EU Dele-

gation in Tirana, addressed participants on the topic on Recommendations for updating and further improvement of Single Project Pipelines. Mr. Massimo Cingolani, Head of Unit at the European Investment Bank, presented the STAREBEI Report "Investment for Growth and Development in the Western Balkans".

The representatives of Technical Secretariats of their respec-

tive NICs discussed the upgrade and revision of the Single Project Pipelines, presenting their relevant experience. They also provided recommendations on how ReSPA could further support their work by organizing round tables, mobility schemes and supporting its Members in establishing soft measures. This conference was follow up of the similar one organized last year. ■

* 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



Regional Conference on Quality Management: Benefits of Quality in Public Administration



The Conference was organized on 17–18 November 2016 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), as a continuation of cooperation between German Cooperation (GIZ), Public Administration Reform Coordination Office (PARCO) of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and ReSPA. The aim of the Conference was to combine experiences from the European Union, trends in Western Balkans, and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, about specific lessons learnt in the area of Quality Management in public administration. In addition, this Conference contributed to enhancement of regional cooperation, and made an effort to ensure sustainability of Quality

Management activities within regional public administrations.

The Conference gathered policy makers responsible for Quality Management strategies, senior public servants involved in the process of development and implementation of Quality Management strategies, experts in the field in charge of designing and implementing appropriate quality management instruments in the public sector, as well as civil society organisations and think tanks that closely work with the governments in designing appropriate quality management instruments for the public sector.

Members of the ReSPA Working Group on Quality Management in public administration

significantly contributed to the panel discussion held during the Conference. They reflected on the present situation in the Western Balkan countries in domain of Quality Management in public administration. Moreover, they discussed perspectives of regional cooperation in domain of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF), European Commission's progress report in domain of public administration reform (PAR), best practices and related Quality Management (QM) products, and highlighted importance of promotion of QM implementation in the Western Balkans by ReSPA. ■