

# 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 to enable public policy to play an effective role in promoting this development. 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, and to foster a sustainable and resilient recovery.

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 across countries with shared economic, structural, legacy and institutional features. 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.

## Participation

The IPO launch event will be opened by Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE, Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO and H.E. Ms. Anna Jardfelt, Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva. The event brings together EESC vice 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

To register for the webinar, please click [here](#).

Only registered participants will receive the link by email to join the webinar.

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## Draft agenda

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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
- 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 Tour de table

- 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
- H.E. Mr. Irakli Nadareishvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
- H.E. Mr. Anatolie Topala, General Secretary, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, Republic of Moldova
- H.E. Mr. 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. Bernard Magenmann, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

#### 11:40–12:00 Summary and closing by the UNECE secretariat