

DRAFT AGENDA

WORKSHOP ON SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CROATIA

4 July 2018

Background and objective of the workshop

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Commission are collaborating on a multi-year project on inclusive entrepreneurship policies and programmes. This work has produced a series of outputs to support policy makers, including *The Missing Entrepreneurs* books, a series of policy briefs, the good practice compendium *Inclusive Business Creation: Good Practice Compendium*, and country-specific policy advice. The OECD is now undertaking an information collection exercise across all European Union Member States to deepen its understanding of the different approaches taken to support under-represented and disadvantaged groups in business creation and self-employment (e.g. youth, women, seniors, migrants, the unemployed, and people with disabilities).

The purpose of the workshop is to review and discuss a report on inclusive entrepreneurship policies and programmes in Croatia. The OECD would like to ensure that the description of current policy actions is accurate, validate its preliminary policy recommendations and bolster the justification for these recommendations.

Participants will be key policy makers with responsibility for the design and implementation of inclusive entrepreneurship policies and programmes, as well as other key stakeholders that have a role in delivering support programmes to the target groups.

Workshop on Inclusive Entrepreneurship Policies and Programmes in Croatia

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13:00 – 13:10

Welcome and introductions

- *To be determined*, Organisation
- Participants introduce themselves in a tour de table.

13:10 – 13:20

Overview of workshop and OECD-European Commission project

- *David Halabisky*, OECD

13:20 – 13:50

Presentations of preliminary findings

Presentation of the draft report on inclusive entrepreneurship policies and programmes in Croatia.

- *Prof Slavica Singer*, J.J. Strossmayer University
- Questions and discussion.

13:50 – 16:00

Roundtable discussions

Chair: Cynthia Lavison, OECD

13:50 – 14:30

Discussion Round 1: Self-employment in Croatia

Discussion on the structure and nature of self-employment and entrepreneurship in Croatia.

Participants are encouraged to share their view on each of the following questions:

1. Does the report accurately describe the structure and characteristics of self-employment and entrepreneurship activities by people in under-represented and disadvantaged groups?
2. What are the main barriers to business creation for these groups?

14:30 – 14:45

Coffee break

14:45 – 15:45

Discussion Round 2: Current inclusive entrepreneurship policy actions

Structured discussion of the main findings on inclusive entrepreneurship policies and programmes on the following topics:

- **Targets and objectives**
- **Skills**
- **Finance**
- **Institutions and regulations**
- **Entrepreneurial culture**

Participants are encouraged to share their view on each of the following questions:

1. Does the report accurately reflect the current policy framework and programmes in place for inclusive entrepreneurship?
2. Are there important gaps in the report that need to be considered?
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the current inclusive entrepreneurship policy framework (targets, policy tools, implementation and monitoring/evaluation)?

15:45 – 16:00

Discussion Round 3: Conclusions and recommendations

Participants will work together to strengthen the main conclusions and recommendations.

Participants are encouraged to share their view on each of the following questions:

1. Does the report accurately reflect the current policy framework and programmes in place for inclusive entrepreneurship?
2. Are there important gaps in the report that need to be considered?
3. Do you agree with the policy recommendations and their justification provided? Would you add any additional recommendations?

16:00

Wrap-up and next steps

- *David Halabisky, OECD*