



**UNECE SUB-REGIONAL INNOVATION POLICY OUTLOOK 2020:
EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOUTH CAUCASUS
LOCAL LAUNCH WEBINAR IN UKRAINE**

11 December 2020, 10.30-12.00 (EET), Zoom

[Background](#)

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 for public policy to play an effective role in enabling and promoting this dynamic. 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.

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. The IPO complements international composite indices, such as World Intellectual Property Organisation's Global Innovation Index and the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index, by looking more closely at the role that policies and institutions play in promoting innovation and by focusing on a group of countries with shared economic, structural, legacy and institutional features. The results can inform policy dialogue, reform processes, joint initiatives, donor-funded programming, investment and support the transition to a circular economy. The IPO was developed in cooperation with EESC governments, stakeholders, experts and international organisations and with generous extrabudgetary support from the Government of Sweden.

[Participation](#)

The IPO launch event brings together Ukraine's innovation stakeholders, international experts, international organisations and the UNECE secretariat. After the opening, the UNECE secretariat will present the main IPO findings and recommendations for Ukraine, followed by a panel discussion where government stakeholders comment on the analysis and reflect on the IPO process and future cooperation.

Please note that the times indicated below are based on Eastern European Time (EET). Interpretation will be provided for both English and Ukrainian (tbc) during the webinar.

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30 EET REGISTRATION AND LOG-IN ON ZOOM

MODERATOR: Ms. Yulia Bezvershenko, Director General of the Directorate of Science and Innovation, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

10:30 – 10:50 EET OPENING

- **H.E. Mr. Mykola Kyzym**, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine (tbc)
- **H.E. Mr. Tobias Thyberg**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sweden to Ukraine (tbc)
- **Ms. Osnat Lubrani**, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine (tbc)
- **Mr. Anders Jönsson**, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE

10:50 – 11:20 EET CONTEXT AND MAIN IPO REGIONAL AND UKRAINE-SPECIFIC FINDINGS

- **Mr. Anders Jönsson**, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE
- **Mr. Jakob Fexer**, Economic Affairs Officer, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE
- **Mr. Dmitry Plekhanov**, Consultant, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE
- **Ms. Immanuela Badde**, Consultant, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE

11:20 – 11:50 EET OPEN DISCUSSION

11:50 – 12:00 EET SUMMARY AND CLOSING

- **Mr. Mykola Kyzym**, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine (tbc)
- **Mr. Anders Jönsson**, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, UNECE

REGISTRATION

To register for the webinar, please send an email to Andrii Petrovskyy: petrovskyy@mon.gov.ua.

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

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