

**Follow-up BCOP Meeting on
Meeting of the OECD Senior Budget Officials from Central, Eastern, and
Southeastern Europe (OECD SBO CESEE)**

October 28, 2022

Marriott Hotel, Bucharest, Romania, 15.00 – 17.00 CET

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Public Expenditure Management Peer Assisted Learning (PEMPAL) is a peer-learning platform that facilitates knowledge exchange among public finance practitioners from the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region. The platform, launched in 2006, allows members to develop solutions to common public financial management (PFM) problems in the areas of budget, treasury, and internal audit.

Within BCOP's long-standing cooperation with the OECD, BCOP representatives, invited by the OECD, will attend the 17th annual meeting of the OECD Senior Budget Officials' regional network for Central, Eastern, and South-Eastern European Countries (CESEE SBO) in Bucharest, Romania. Topics of this year's meeting include communicating with the public in order to increase awareness and understanding of budgeting issues; budgeting in Romania; gender budgeting; budget and fiscal responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, including implications for public expenditure on health; and the OECD Spending Better Framework. The meeting will be hosted by the Ministry of Public Finance of Romania and chaired by the Head of the Budget Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands. BCOP will also contribute to the content of the meeting with a presentation of its knowledge product on *Improving Clarity and Accessibility of Budget Documentation*.

BCOP participants will hold a follow-up meeting after the OECD meeting, on October 28. The objectives of this meeting are:

- i) to provide updates on BCOP member countries' reforms/plans in budgeting areas discussed in the OECD CBO CESEE meeting
- ii) to exchange feedback on the outcomes of the OECD meeting
- iii) to discuss plans for future BCOP activities, including a presentation on the results of the BCOP's surveys finalized in September 2022, which collected member countries' input on their priority budgeting topics for the next period

AGENDA

Moderators: *Aynura Bakaybaeva, Senior Economist in the State Budget Department, Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan, and BCOP Chair;*
Iryna Shcherbyna, World Bank Senior Public Sector Specialist and Coordinator of BCOP Resource Team

Time	Activity
14.45 – 15.00	Registration and Coffee Refreshments
15.00-15.05	Welcome and Overview of the Meeting Objectives <i>Aynura Bakaybaeva, Senior Economist in the State Budget Department, Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan, and BCOP Chair</i> <i>Iryna Shcherbyna, World Bank Senior Public Sector Specialist and Coordinator of BCOP Resource Team</i>
15.05- 16:00	Round Table: BCOP Countries’ Feedback and Updates Participants to provide 3–4-minute remarks (by BCOP member country) on reforms/plans in budgeting areas discussed in the OECD CBO CESEE meeting and feedback on the outcomes of the OECD meeting per topic area;
16:00-16:45	Planning BCOP’s Future Activities BCOP Resource Team to present the results of the BCOP’s surveys that collected feedback on member countries’ priority budgeting topics for the upcoming period and proposed plan of actions; participants to provide their comments/inputs <i>Naida Carsimamovic Vukotic, BCOP Resource Team Member, World Bank</i>
16.45-17.00	Conclusions and Closing <i>Aynura Bakaybaeva, Senior Economist in the State Budget Department, Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan, and BCOP Chair</i> <i>Iryna Shcherbyna, World Bank Senior Public Sector Specialist and Coordinator of BCOP Resource Team</i>