



Republika e Kosovës
Republika Kosova-Republic of Kosovo
Qeveria - Vlada - Government

No.: 03/06
Date: 13.04.2021

Pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4, and Article 93, paragraph (4), of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, pursuant to Article 4 of the Regulation No. 02/2021 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, in accordance with Articles 19 and 50 of the Regulation No. 09/2011 on Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in its session held on 13 April 2021, took the following:

D E C I S I O N

**ON ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION STRUCTURES FOR
THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS**

Article 1
Purpose of the Decision

1. The purpose of the present decision is to define the composition, scope and method of work of inter-institutional coordination structures of the Republic of Kosovo for the European integration process.
2. The inter-institutional coordination structures for the European integration process are the following:
 - 2.1. Ministerial Council for European Integration (hereinafter, MCEI);
 - 2.2. Working Committee for European Integration (hereinafter, WCEI); and
 - 2.3. Sector Working Groups for European Integration (hereinafter, SWGEI).

Article 2
Ministerial Council for European Integration

1. In order to implement the reforms for integration into the European Union (hereinafter, EU) and based on the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (hereinafter, SAA) and other stabilisation and association mechanisms, MCEI exercises the following functions:
 - 1.1. Reviews, discusses and recommends to the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter, Government) state policies for implementation of reforms for the EU integration process, as well as state negotiating positions, including approximation of domestic legislation

with the EU *acquis* and EU and other development partners assistance in the pre-accession process;

- 1.2. Examines and discusses progress in implementation of political priorities and state documents for the EU integration process, and issues recommendations to the Government and other institutions regarding concrete measures that require political decision-making to ensure their implementation;
 - 1.3. Reviews, discusses and issues recommendations to the Government and other state institutions regarding cooperation with the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, justice system institutions and other independent institutions, to ensure fulfilment of obligations undertaken within the European integration process;
 - 1.4. Reviews, discusses and issues recommendations to the Government and other state institutions regarding cooperation with civil society and other stakeholders, to ensure fulfilment of obligations undertaken within the European integration process;
 - 1.5. Reviews, discusses and issues recommendations to the Government and other state institutions regarding cooperation with EU institutions and its member states, as well as other initiatives and mechanisms in the EU, to ensure fulfilment of obligations undertaken within the European integration process;
 - 1.6. Reviews, discusses and issues recommendations to the Government and other state institutions regarding regional and bilateral cooperation with other countries in the Stabilisation and Association process, to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations undertaken within the European integration process.
2. MCEI has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European integration, Deputy Chairperson;
 - 2.3. Minister in charge of foreign affairs, member;
 - 2.4. Minister in charge of finances, member;
 - 2.5. Minister in charge of industry, entrepreneurship and trade, member;
 - 2.6. Minister in charge of justice, member;
 - 2.7. Minister in charge of energy and environment, member.
 3. If required as per the agenda, the Chairperson may invite other ministers, as well as heads of other Government and independent institutions, to attend the meeting.
 4. The Chairperson may invite representatives of EU institutions and member states, including their representations accredited in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as representatives of development partners, to attend the meeting.
 5. The meeting shall also be attended by the General Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister, as well as representatives of the Office of the Prime Minister, namely the Office for Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process, Office for Political Criteria, Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market, Office for Sectorial Policies, Development Cooperation Office and Legal Office.

6. The meeting shall be attended by General Secretaries of participating ministries and equivalent officials of other institutions, as well as officials of the relevant departments of the participating ministries, as per the agenda.
7. MCEI holds meetings at least once every three months or more often, upon the invitation of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson.
8. The Secretariat of MCEI is the Office for Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process within the Office of the Prime Minister. The Secretariat is in charge of for organizing the work of MCEI, and performs the following tasks:
 - 8.1. Prepares and distributes meeting agendas;
 - 8.2. Organizes meetings;
 - 8.3. Provides technical assistance during meetings;
 - 8.4. Prepares the meeting minutes, conclusions and other materials;
 - 8.5. Distributes the meeting materials to members and participants in the meetings, as well as other relevant parties;
 - 8.6. Maintains the archive of meeting materials;
 - 8.7. Provides support to MCEI in carrying out its functions;
 - 8.8. Monitors implementation of conclusions of MCEI and of decisions of the Government for their implementation, and at its request submits monitoring results to it for further discussions and undertaking the necessary actions.
9. The Secretariat carries out its tasks in cooperation with the Chairperson, members, as well as other relevant services of the Government and other parties, as needed.

Article 3

Working Committee for European Integration

1. The WCEI is an inter-institutional coordination structure at the level of General Secretaries of the Government and other senior heads in the civil service, who, within the spectrum of their functions and rights, ensure cooperation of ministries and other state institutions in implementation of reforms for the European integration process.
2. In order to implement reforms for the EU integration process and based on the SAA and other stabilisation and association mechanisms, WCEI exercises the following functions:
 - 2.1. Provides proposals to MCEI regarding state policies for implementation of reforms for the EU integration process, as well as state negotiating positions, including approximation of domestic legislation with the EU *acquis* and EU and other development partners assistance in the pre-accession process;
 - 2.2. Discusses and addresses issues related to the division of responsibilities and cooperation between ministries and other institutions related to planning, implementation and monitoring of political priorities and state documents for the EU integration process, and issues recommendations to MCEI on matters requiring political decision-making for this purpose;
 - 2.3. Discusses regular reports on implementation of policy priorities and state documents for the EU integration process, including addressing obstacles and shortcomings at the civil service

level, and issues recommendations to the MCEI and political decision-makers on matters that require political decision-making;

- 2.4. Discusses on cooperation of the Government with the Assembly, justice system institutions and other independent institutions for implementation of reforms for the EU integration process, as well as issues recommendations to MCEI on matters that require political decision-making;
- 2.5. Discusses on Government's cooperation with civil society and other stakeholders in the implementation of reforms for the EU integration process, and issues recommendations to MCEI on matters that require political decision-making.

3. WCEI has the following composition:

- 3.1. General Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
- 3.2. General Secretary of the ministry in charge of foreign affairs, member;
- 3.3. General Secretary of the ministry in charge of finances, member;
- 3.4. General Secretary of the ministry in charge of industry, entrepreneurship and trade;
- 3.5. General Secretary of the ministry in charge of justice;
- 3.6. General Secretary of the ministry in charge of energy and environment, member;
- 3.7. Director of the Legal Office in the Office of the Prime Minister, member;
- 3.8. Director of the Office for Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process, member;
- 3.9. Director of the Office for Political Criteria, member;
- 3.10. Director of the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market, member;
- 3.11. Director of the Office for Sectorial Policies, member; and
- 3.12. Director of the Development Cooperation Office, member.

4. If required as per the agenda, the Chairperson may invite officials of other Government institutions and independent institutions to attend meetings.
5. The Chairperson may invite officials of EU institutions as well as of development partners to attend meetings.
6. The meetings shall be attended by officials of the relevant departments of participating ministries, as per the agenda.
7. WCEI holds meetings at least once every three months. It may hold meetings more often, upon the invitation of the Chairperson.
8. The Secretariat of WCEI is the Office for Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process within the Office of the Prime Minister. The Secretariat is in charge of for organizing the work of WCEI, and performs the following tasks:
 - 8.1. Prepares and distributes meeting agendas;
 - 8.2. Organizes meetings;
 - 8.3. Provides technical assistance during meetings;
 - 8.4. Prepares the meeting minutes, conclusions and other materials;
 - 8.5. Distributes the meeting materials to members and participants in the meetings, as well as other relevant parties;
 - 8.6. Maintains the archive of meeting materials;
 - 8.7. Provides support to WCEI in carrying out its functions;

- 8.8. Monitors implementation of conclusions of WCEI, and at its request submits monitoring results to it for further discussions and undertaking the necessary actions.
9. The Secretariat carries out its tasks in cooperation with the Chairperson, members and other relevant services of the Government and other parties, as needed.

Article 4

Functions and method of work of the Sector Working Groups for European Integration

1. SWGEIs are inter-institutional coordination structures at the level of directors of departments within the respective sectors, who, within the spectrum of their functions and mandate, coordinate day-to-day activities in implementing reforms for the EU integration process.
2. Within the sectors they cover, SWGEIs exercise the following functions:
 - 2.1. Discuss and elaborate proposals of ministries and other state institutions regarding state policies for implementation of reforms for the EU integration process and state negotiating positions, as well as provide respective recommendations to WCEI and other institutional structures at a higher level, including approximation of domestic legislation with the EU *acquis* and EU and other development partners assistance in the pre-accession process;
 - 2.2. Discuss and address issues related to the division of responsibilities and cooperation between ministries and other institutions, at the level of departments, regarding planning, implementation and monitoring of activities within the political priorities and state documents for the EU integration process, as well as provide respective proposals to WCEI and other higher level institutional structures;
 - 2.3. Discuss regular reports on the implementation of policy priorities and state documents for the EU integration process, including identifying and addressing obstacles and shortcomings at the level of activities, and provide respective proposals to WCEI and other higher level institutional structures;
 - 2.4. Regularly discuss progress of activities interrelated to the Assembly, including identifying and addressing obstacles in this regard, as well as provide respective proposals to WCEI and other higher level institutional structures;
 - 2.5. Regularly discuss progress of activities of cooperation with civil society and other stakeholders in implementation of reforms for the EU integration process, as well as provide respective proposals to the WCEI and other higher level institutional structures.
3. All SWGEIs are chaired by directors of responsible offices within the Office of the Prime Minister designated by the present decision.
4. If required as per the agenda, the Chairperson may invite officials of other Government institutions and independent institutions to attend meetings.
5. The Chairperson may invite officials of EU institutions as well as of development partners to attend meetings.

6. The meeting shall be attended by officials of the Office of the Prime Minister, namely the Office for Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process, Office for Political Criteria, Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market, Office for Sectorial Policies, Development Cooperation Office and Legal Office.
7. The meeting shall be attended by officials of the relevant departments of participating ministries, as per the agenda.
8. SWGEIs hold meetings at least once every three months. Meetings may be held more often, upon the invitation of the Chairperson.
9. The secretariat of each SWGEI is determined according to the present decision and has the following tasks:
 - 9.1. Organizes meetings;
 - 9.2. Provides technical assistance during meetings;
 - 9.3. Prepares the meeting minutes, conclusions and other materials;
 - 9.4. Distributes meeting materials to members and participants in the meetings, as well as other relevant parties;
 - 9.5. Maintains the archive of meeting materials;
 - 9.6. Provides support to SWGEI in carrying out its functions;
 - 9.7. Monitors implementation of SWGEI conclusions, and at its request submits monitoring results to it for further discussions and undertaking necessary actions.
10. The Secretariat carries out its tasks in cooperation with the Chairperson, members and other relevant services of the Government and other parties, as needed.
11. The Sector Working Groups for European Integration are as follows:
 - 11.1. SWGEI on Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation;
 - 11.2. SWGEI on Agriculture and Fisheries;
 - 11.3. SWGEI on Internal Market and Competition;
 - 11.4. SWGEI on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics;
 - 11.5. SWGEI on Governance;
 - 11.6. SWGEI on Innovation, Information Society and Social Policy; and
 - 11.7. SWGEI on Transport, Energy, Environment and Regional Development.

Article 5

Sector Working Group for European Integration on Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Free movement of goods (SAA Article 20);
 - 1.2. Industrial products (SAA Articles 21-25);
 - 1.3. Trade issues (SAA Articles 36-49);
 - 1.4. Standardization, metrology, accreditation, certification, conformity assessment and market surveillance (SAA Article 80);
 - 1.5. Industrial cooperation (SAA Article 99);
 - 1.6. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SAA Article 100);

- 1.7. Tourism (SAA Article 101);
 - 1.8. Customs (SAA Article 104);
 - 1.9. Taxation (SAA Article 105);
 - 1.10. Rules of origin (SAA Protocol III);
 - 1.11. Administrative assistance in customs matters (SAA Protocol IV).
2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, SWGEI on Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representative from the ministry in charge of industry, entrepreneurship and trade, Deputy Chairperson;
 - 2.3. Representative from the ministry in charge of finances, member.
 3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation is the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 6
Sector Working Group for European Integration on Agriculture and Fisheries

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Agriculture and Fisheries covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Agricultural products (SAA Articles 26, 28, 29, 33, 34 and 37);
 - 1.2. Fishery products (SAA Articles 31 and 32, and Annexes IV and V);
 - 1.3. Processed agricultural products (SAA Article 27 and Protocol I);
 - 1.4. Wines (SAA Article 30 and Protocol II);
 - 1.5. Protection of geographical indications for agriculture and fishery products and foodstuffs other than wine and spirit drinks (SAA Article 35);
 - 1.6. Agriculture and agro-industry sector, veterinary and phytosanitary issues (SAA Article 102);
 - 1.7. Cooperation in the area of fisheries (SAA Article 103).
2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, the SWGEI on Agriculture and Fisheries has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Sectorial Policies within the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representative from the ministry in charge of agriculture, forestry and rural development, member;
 - 2.3. Representative from the ministry in charge of industry, entrepreneurship and trade, member;
 - 2.4. Representative from the Food and Veterinary Agency; member.
3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Agriculture and Fisheries is the Office for Sectorial Policies within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 7
Sector Working Group for European Integration on Internal Market and Competition

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Internal Market and Competition covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Right of establishment (SAA Articles 50-54);
 - 1.2. Freedom to provide services (SAA Articles 55-60);
 - 1.3. Other issues related to Title V (SAA Articles 61-73);
 - 1.4. Approximation and implementation of legislation (SAA Article 74);
 - 1.5. Competition (SAA Articles 75-76);
 - 1.6. Intellectual, industrial and commercial property (SAA Articles 77-78);
 - 1.7. Public Procurement (SAA Article 79);
 - 1.8. Banking, insurance and other financial services (SAA Article 96);
 - 1.9. Consumer protection (SAA Article 81).
2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, SWGEI on Internal Market and Competition has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representative from the ministry in charge of industry, entrepreneurship and trade, member;
 - 2.3. Representative from the ministry in charge of finances, member;
 - 2.4. Representative from the ministry in charge of culture, youth and sports, member.
3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Internal Market and Competition is the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 8

Sector Working Group for European Integration on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Payments and freedom of movement of capital (SAA Articles 64-66);
 - 1.2. Economic policy (SAA Article 94);
 - 1.3. Statistical cooperation (SAA Article 95);
 - 1.4. Investment promotion and protection (SAA Article 98);
 - 1.5. Financial cooperation (SAA Articles 121-125).
2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, the SWGEI on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representative of the ministry in charge of finances, member;
 - 2.3. Representative from the Kosovo Agency of Statistics, member;
 - 2.4. Representative from the ministry in charge of industry, entrepreneurship and trade.
3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Economic and Financial Affairs and Statistics is the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 9
Sector Working Group for European Integration on Governance

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Governance covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Rule of law (SAA Article 83);
 - 1.2. Fundamental rights, anti-discrimination measures and data protection (SAA Articles 4 and 83);
 - 1.3. Judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters (SAA Article 84);
 - 1.4. Visa, border/boundary management, asylum and migration (SAA Articles 85-86);
 - 1.5. Prevention and control of illegal immigration, and repatriation (SAA Articles 87-88);
 - 1.6. Money laundering (SAA Article 89);
 - 1.7. Narcotics (SAA Article 90);
 - 1.8. Combating terrorism (SAA Article 92);
 - 1.9. Prevention of organized crime and other illegal activities (SAA Article 91);
 - 1.10. Public administration reform (SAA Article 120);
 - 1.11. Sustainable improvement in relations with Serbia, and effective cooperation with the EU Common Security and Defence Policy mission (SAA Articles 5 and 13).

2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, the SWGEI on Governance has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Political Criteria, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representative from the ministry in charge of foreign affairs, member;
 - 2.3. Representative from the ministry in charge of justice, member;
 - 2.4. Representative from the ministry in charge of finances; member;
 - 2.5. Representative from the ministry in charge of internal affairs and public administration, member.

3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Governance is the Office for Political Criteria within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 10
Sector Working Group for European Integration on Innovation, Information Society and Social Policy

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Innovation, Information Society and Social Policy covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Working conditions and equal opportunities (SAA Article 82);
 - 1.2. Social cooperation (SAA Article 106);
 - 1.3. Education and training (SAA Article 107);
 - 1.4. Cultural cooperation (SAA Article 108);
 - 1.5. Information and communication (SAA Article 105);
 - 1.6. Cooperation in the audio-visual area (SAA Article 109);
 - 1.7. Information societies (SAA Article 110);
 - 1.8. Electronic communications networks and services (SAA Article 111);
 - 1.9. Information and communication (SAA Article 112);
 - 1.10. Research and technological development (SAA Article 118).

2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, SWGEI on Innovation, Information Society and Social Policy has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representatives from the ministry in charge of education, science and technology;
 - 2.3. Representative from the ministry in charge of labour and social welfare, member;
 - 2.4. Representative from the ministry in charge of culture, youth and sports, member;
 - 2.5. Representative from the ministry in charge of economy, member;
 - 2.6. Representative from the ministry in charge of internal affairs and public administration, member.
3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Innovation, Information Society and Social Policy is the Office for Economic Criteria and Internal Market within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 11

Sector Working Group for European Integration on Transport, Energy, Environment and Regional Development

1. In accordance with Article 4.2 of the present decision, the scope of SWGEI on Transport, Energy, Environment and Regional Development covers the following areas:
 - 1.1. Transport (SAA Article 113);
 - 1.2. Energy (SAA Article 114);
 - 1.3. Environment (SAA Article 115);
 - 1.4. Climate change (SAA Article 116);
 - 1.5. Civil protection (SAA Article 117);
 - 1.6. Regional and local development (SAA Article 119).
2. In accordance with Article 4.1 of the present decision, SWGEI on Transport, Energy, Environment and Regional Development has the following composition:
 - 2.1. Director of the Office for Sectorial Policies within the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Representative from the ministry in charge of environment, spatial planning and infrastructure, member;
 - 2.3. Representative from the ministry in charge of internal affairs, member;
 - 2.4. Representative from the ministry in charge of energy, member;
 - 2.5. Representative from the ministry in charge of local government, member;
 - 2.6. Representative from the ministry in charge of regional development, member;
 - 2.7. Representative from the ministry in charge of finances, member;
 - 2.8. Representative from the Kosovo Agency for Energy Efficiency, member.
3. The Secretariat of the SWGEI on Transport, Energy, Environment and Regional Development is the Office for Sectorial Policies within the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 12

Repeal

1. With the entry into force of the present decision, the following decisions shall be repealed:

- 1.1. Decision No. 032, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.2. Decision No. 033, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.3. Decision No. 034, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.4. Decision No. 035, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.5. Decision No. 036, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.6. Decision No. 037, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.7. Decision No. 038, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.8. Decision No. 039, dated 27.08.2008, of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 1.9. Decision No. 194/10 of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo amending Decisions No. 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038 and 039, dated 10.06.2010, and;
- 1.10. Decisions No. 04/59, 05/59, 06/59, 07/59, 08/59, 09/59 and 10/59, dated 01.02.2012, of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 13
Entry into force

The decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Albin KURTI

[signed]

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

The decision shall be sent to:

- Deputy Prime Ministers;
- All ministries (ministers);
- General Secretary of the OPM;
- Government Archive.