

Conference Conclusions and Recommendations

The conclusions and recommendations from the Regional Conference on “*The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Investments and Competitiveness in the Western Balkans*” are grouped in 3 main areas.

A. The role of the Parliaments

B. Network Recommendations

C. Capacity of the Parliaments to conduct oversight of policies on state aid, competitiveness and attracting investments.

A. Parliaments have three key roles in promoting investments and competitiveness in the Western Balkans:

1. Establish legislative solutions for promotion and attracting investments and improving competitiveness
2. Monitor the implementation of policies for promoting and attracting investments and improving competitiveness
3. Provide a budget for activities for attracting investments and improving competitiveness

B. Network of Parliamentary Committees Recommendations

1. The Network recognizes the importance of policies for attracting investments and the role of Parliaments in promoting investments and competitiveness in the Western Balkans.
2. Parliaments are encouraged to engage the business community, Chambers of Commerce, Union of Employers, Investors, Civil Society and other nongovernmental actors in the oversight of policies for state aid, competitiveness and FDIs.
3. The Network encourages Parliaments to engage in discussions on the development of regional economic development strategies, which would be developed by relevant regional institutions and initiatives.
4. The Network encourages the development of cost benefit analysis of the legislation in the Western Balkans region which regulates the overall improvement of the business environment.



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5. The Network recommends the development of impact analysis of policies of state aid in the Western Balkans and to share it with the committees which are part of the Network.

C. Developing Parliaments' oversight capacities:

1. The Network encourages Parliaments to share and adopt best practice on oversight of policies of state aid and attracting FDIs.
2. The Network encourages Parliaments and Parliamentary Committees to develop an oversight culture of regular annual oversight hearings regarding the implementation of state aid and FDI policies.
3. The Network should realize more trainings and development of the parliamentary staff to equip them with the knowledge and tools necessary to support MPs in the oversight of policies of state aid, investments and competitiveness.