

## EU4Business - Supporting SME Competitiveness Reforms

### Priority area:

Partnership that creates, Economy & trade; Partnership that creates, Employment and entrepreneurship

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**Period of implementation:** 01.11.2013 - 30.06.2017

### EaP countries:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

**EU contribution:** € 2 500 000

### Implementing organisation(s):

OECD

**Project website:** <http://www.oecd.org/global-relations/supportingsmecompetitivenessintheeasternpartnercountries.htm>

### Project description:

The "EU4Business - Supporting SME Competitiveness Reforms" project aims at assisting the Eastern Partnership countries in the implementation of policy reforms based on policy recommendations from the OECD's Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) Policy Index, contributing to improved government responsiveness to SME needs and requests, as well as to improved public-private dialogue at national level.

The project supports a comprehensive set of activities carried out on country as well as regional levels. Country-level activities are provided in those countries that have expressed high level political commitment in implementing SME policy reforms and those that have agreed to a peer review examination of these reforms. Activities at regional level involve all Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries.

### Expected results:

- Data collection, analysis and country-missions to develop policy reform or policy acts in support of implementation of policy recommendations of the SME Policy Index.
- Conducting workshops to prepare countries for the peer review examination at the Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable organised by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
- Organisation of coaching and capacity building workshops to support reform implementation.
- Capacity building activities through policy seminars for policy makers.
- Establishment of a regional structure in the form of an OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Roundtable.

