



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA Ministry of Civil Affairs

Sarajevo, 28th March 2012

Dear Madam or Sir,

On behalf of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the:

"InnoBiH Conference" on Triple Helix Partnerships between academia, business and government

to be held on Thursday, 3 May 2012 between 8:30 am -2:30 pm at Atrium Hall - Hotel Europe in Sarajevo

The Regional Competitiveness Initiative (RCI) is a three-year project financed by the European Commission and the Flemish Government with the overall objective to improve the competitiveness in the Western Balkans by stimulating innovation and human capital development. As part of the RCI, the OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe is supporting government in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in implementing "Triple Helix Partnerships" between academia, business and local government. In 2011, three concrete and innovative partnership projects have been selected to receive support in the implementation of their project proposals. During the InnoBiH conference on 3 May 2012, we will be presenting the activities undertaken and final results of each project, as per following:

- 1) "Introduction Omega-3 eggs on the BiH market" (a partnership between: Biotechnical Faculty at the University of Bihac, Posavina Koka d.o.o., Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations and the Food Safety Agency of BiH)
- 2) "Processing field peas into pea proteins, starch and cellulose fractions" (a partnership between: Entrepreneurial Center at the University of Banja Luka, RS SME Development Agency and HPK A.D. d.o.o.)
- 3) "Organic disinfection product" (a partnership between: KIKO d.o.o., Veterinary Faculty at the University of Sarajevo, and the RS Ministry of Science and Technology)

We kindly request that you confirm your attendance by sending the reply card attached to Ms. <u>Liz.Zachary@oecd.org</u> by close of business 23 April 2012. The draft agenda will be sent to you closer to the event. In the meantime, we remain at your disposal for any additional information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Paic

Head - OECD Investment Compact

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Sredoje Nović Minister of Civil Affairs Bosnia and Herzegovina

