**Roadmap on the Activities by the Republic of Bulgaria towards Accession to the OECD (2021-2023)**

*(SUMMARY)*

**Year 2021**

Area of cooperation: **Economic Policy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as an Invitee in the Working Party on Short Term Economic Prospects (STEP) and request to upgrade to Participant status. | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Economic and Development Review Committee (EDRC) for the period of the economic review and explore opportunities for participation after the review | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the OECD Economic Outlook and Going for Growth | Ministry of Finance |

## Area of cooperation: Investment Policy, Codes of Liberalization and International Investment Statistics

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Undergo an Investment Policy Review of Bulgaria with the aim to adhere to the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises and its related instruments, including the establishment of a National Contact Point (NCP) to promote and implement the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | Ministry of Economy (Concerning the NCP – Ministry of Economy/Ministry of Finance/Ministry of Labour and Social Policy) |
| Become an Associate in the Investment Committee and the Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct. Explore the possibility of upgrading the status in the Advisory Task Force on the Codes of Liberalisation (ATFC) to Participant as a supporting working party of the Investment Committee | Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Address the recommendations of the Investment Committee regarding the position of the Republic of Bulgaria with regard to the Codes of Liberalisation after the decision of the Council of Ministers on the country’s application for accession to the Codes of Liberalisation | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |
| Actively participate in the Advisory Task Force on the Codes of Liberalisation (ATFC) and submit a request to upgrade to Participant status in the event of an upgrade to Participant or Associate status in the Committee on Financial Markets or the Investment Committee | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |
| Review the FDI statistics with the goal of Bulgaria to join the Recommendation of the Council on the OECD Benchmark Definition on Foreign Direct Investment | Bulgarian National Bank Ministry of Economy National Statistical Institute |
| Request accession to the Recommendation of the Council on the OECD Benchmark Definition on Foreign Direct Investment | Bulgarian National Bank  Ministry of Economy  National Statistical Institute |
| Actively participate and request status upgrade in the Working Group on International Investment Statistics (WGIIS) | Bulgarian National Bank  National Statistical Institute |
| Apply for participation in the OECD Global Forum on International Investment | Ministry of Economy  InvestBulgaria Agency (IBA)  Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency (BSMEPA) |

Area of cooperation: **Financial Affairs**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue to actively participate and request to upgrade to Participant status in the Committee on Financial Markets (CFM) and the Working Party on Debt Management. Explore the possibility of a status upgrade in the Advisory Task Force on the Codes of Liberalisation (ATFC) to Participant as a supporting working group of the CFM | Ministry of Finance  Financial Supervision Commission |
| Examine the possibility of Bulgaria’s participation as an Invitee in the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC) meetings | Ministry of Finance  Financial Supervision Commission |
| Active participation of the Ministry of Finance in the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE) as a full member | Ministry of Finance |
| Effectively implement the five-year joint project with the OECD/INFE and the Ministry of Finance of the Netherlands on financial literacy (2018-2022) and participate in OECD working bodies | Ministry of Finance |

Area of cooperation: **Fiscal Affairs**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Ratify the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) | Ministry of Finance |
| Undergo an OECD review of Bulgaria’s tax system to assess its strengths and weaknesses and identify options for possible tax reforms | Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the upcoming peer reviews related to the implementation of the BEPS Project, as well as on transparency and exchange of information (BEPS Action 14 peer review; BEPS Action 6 peer review; BEPS Action 13 peer review; BEPS Action 5 peer review; Global Forum peer review of the implementation of the international standards for transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes) | Ministry of Finance |

Area of cooperation: **Budgeting and Public Expenditure**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Prepare for the assessment of compliance with the principles of the Recommendation of the Council on Budgetary Governance | Ministry of Finance |

Area of cooperation: **Corporate Governance and State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue to actively participate as an Invitee in the work of the Corporate Governance Committee and request to upgrade the status to Participant | Ministry of Economy  Public Enterprises and Control Agency Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the Working Party on State Ownership and Privatization Practices | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Science, Technology and Innovation**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship and request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Economy |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy, participate in the Working Party of National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators and the Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Request for adherence to the Daejeon Declaration on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies for the Global and Digital Age | Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Education**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the Committee for Education Policy | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the PISA Strategic Development Group | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Working Party on Indicators of Educational Systems, and subsequently request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI) Governing Board, and subsequently request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Submit a request for acceding to the INES Network for Data Development on Labour Markets and Social Outcomes of Education | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Accession to the OECD Skills Strategy through the implementation of the “OECD Skills Strategy Bulgaria: Assessment and Recommendations” Project | Ministry of Education and Science |

Area of cooperation: **Digital Economy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Committee on Digital Economy Policy (CDEP) | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications  State e-Government Agency  Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate in the Working Party on Security and Privacy in the Digital Economy | Ministry of Interior |
| Participate in the Working Party on Communication Infrastructure and Services Policy | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Working Party on Measurement and Analysis of the Digital Economy | National Statistical Institute  Ministry of Economy |
| Request adherence to the Recommendation of the Council on Artificial Intelligence | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications State e-Government Agency Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science |

Area of cooperation: **Consumer Policy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Committee on Consumer Policy (CCP) | Ministry of Economy |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Consumer Product Safety | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Trade**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Steel Committee | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Trade Committee | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees | Ministry of Economy |
| Work on the Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) as well as other activities | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the annual OECD Global Forum and other OECD forums | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Development Assistance Committee – DAC**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the OECD Development Assistance Committee | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Conduct a traineeship in the Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD Development Assistance Committee | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Adhere to three OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Recommendations in the area of development assistance policy:   * OECD Recommendation of the Council on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) * OECD DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus * OECD DAC Recommendation on Ending Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance: Key Pillars of Prevention and Response | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

Area of cooperation: **Tourism Policies for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as an Invitee and request to upgrade to Participant status in the Tourism Committee; participate in meetings related to tourism statistics | Ministry of Tourism  National Statistical Institute |
| Exchange information within the Tourism Committee about the policy initiatives and statistics concerning the development of the tourism industry, including cultural tourism, in Bulgaria | Ministry of Tourism  Ministry of Culture |
| Carry out a National Tourism Policy Review | Ministry of Tourism |

Area of cooperation: **Agriculture**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue to participate actively in the OECD Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Material Moving in International Trade | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to participate actively in the OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to take part in the OECD Scheme for the production of certified seed or control of seeds subject to international trade | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |

Area of cooperation: **Fight against Corruption**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions | Ministry of Justice |
| Request adherence to the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Public Integrity and undergo the corresponding integrity review | Responsible Institution to be identified |

Area of cooperation: **Employment, Job Creation and Social Entrepreneurship**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the OECD Working Party on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Entrepreneurship (WPSMEE) and request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee (and its Working Parties – Working Party on Employment, Working Party on Migration and Working Party on Social Policy) and participate in the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |

Area of cooperation: **Environment and Climate Change**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the Environment Policy Committee | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Participate in the Chemicals Committee meetings and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Participate in OECD forums concerning environment, climate and chemicals, including the annual Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum | Ministry of Environment and Water |

Area of cooperation: **Statistics**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy meetings and in high-level statistical forums, organized or co-organized by the OECD | National Statistical Institute |
| Participate in official PARIS12 meetings | National Statistical Institute |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the OECD Working Party on National Accounts and participate in other Working Parties and expert meetings such as the Statistics of International Trade in Goods and Services, GDP measurement in the Digital Economy, Business Cycle Analysis, Small and Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship SDMX, ESUT – TiVA, etc. | National Statistical Institute |

Area of cooperation: **Public Management, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies – the Working Party on Territorial Indicators (WPTI) and the Working Party on Urban Policy (WPURB) | Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works |
| Participate in the OECD Working Party on Gender Mainstreaming and Governance of the Public Governance Committee and request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Conduct a Multi-level Governance Review | Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works |
| Undergo an OECD Review of institutional approaches to gender equality to pave the way for potential adherence to the Recommendation of the Council on Gender Equality in Public Life | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Request adherence to the Recommendation of the Council on Effective Public Investment across levels of Government | Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the Public Governance Committee | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Public Employment and Management Working Party | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Senior Public Integrity Officials Working Party | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Network of Senior Officials from Centres of Government | Administration of the Council of Ministers |

Area of cooperation: **Health**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Health Committee | Ministry of Health |
| Join the Committee on Radiological Protection and Public Health (CRPPH) as a Participant | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |
| Join the Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters (WPNEM) of the CRPPH as a Participant | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |
| Join the Expert Group on the Implications of Recommendations (EGIR) of the CRPPH as a Participant | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |

Area of cooperation: **Competition**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue participating actively as a Participant in the Competition Committee | Commission for Protection of Competition |
| Actively participate in the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest | Commission for Protection of Competition |

Area of cooperation: **Participation in OECD Part II Bodies**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Request accession to the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), its working bodies and the Database | Ministry of Energy  Nuclear Regulatory Agency |
| Participate in the Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement (RINA) of the NEA | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the OECD International Energy Agency Committees   * The Standing Group on Long-Term Co-operation (SLT) * The Standing Group on Global Energy Dialogue (SGD) * The Working Party on Energy Efficiency | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the International Energy Agency’s Standing Groups and Working Party | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement (RINA) of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the High Level Risk Forum and the Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters of the Committee on Radiological Protection and Public Health of the NEA | Ministry of Interior |
| Participate with Nuclear Regulatory Agency experts in NEA Committees | Nuclear Regulatory Agency |
| Request accession to the OECD Development Center and participate in its activities | Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy  Other interested institutions |

II. Domestic Political and Organisational Activities

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Conduct meetings of the Inter-Institutional Expert Commission, the Inter-Institutional Coordination Mechanism (ICM) and ad hoc Working Parties of the ICM, meetings with the OECD Secretariat in Paris, participate in OECD forums in the various OECD Member States | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Organize trainings and seminars for exchange of experience for the participants in the Inter-Institutional Coordination Mechanism, as well as for other interested parties, involved in the process of the accession of Bulgaria to the OECD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Diplomatic Institute |
| Conduct specialized traineeships for Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, involved in cooperation with the OECD (Foreign Economic Relations Directorate) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Welcome OECD representatives to Bulgaria and other activities, related to OECD – missions of OECD teams in Sofia | Ministry of Economy |
| Conduct an event, hosted by the Ministry of Energy in the framework of the OECD Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement | Ministry of Energy |
| Strengthening of the administrative capacity of the Paris Diplomatic Mission, responsible for cooperation with the OECD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

III. Activities on an International Level

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Study the experience of the OECD Member States; conduct consultations with the OECD in the OECD specialized committees in order to develop a draft for the Communication Strategy for Bulgaria in the context of its OECD membership application; ensure the active participation of Bulgarian representatives in conferences, seminars and other international forums organized in cooperation with the OECD; lobby for Bulgaria’s inclusion in the main OECD partners | Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Missions of Bulgaria |

**Year 2022**

Area of cooperation: **Economic Policy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as a Participant in the OECD Short-term Economic Statistics Working Party (STESWP) | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the Economic and Development Review Committee (EDRC) when invited by the OECD and submit a request to upgrade to Participant status when the formal procedure for Bulgaria’s accession to the OECD is initiated | Ministry of Finance |
| Explore opportunities for active participation as a “Invitee-Observer” in the Working Party No. 1 on Macroeconomic and Structural Policy Analysis (WP1) and if possible, submit a request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the Economic Policy Committee (EPC) when the formal procedure for Bulgaria’s accession to the OECD is initiated and explore the possibility to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |

## Area of cooperation: Investment Policy, Codes of Liberalization and International Investment Statistics

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate in the Advisory Task Force on the Codes of Liberalisation (ATFC) as a Participant | Ministry of Finance |
| Complete the Investment Policy Review of Bulgaria with the aim to adhere to the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises and its related instruments | Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the Investment Committee and the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct. Request to upgrade to Associate Member status | Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Maintain a National Contact Point (NCP) for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct | Ministry of Economy  (Concerning the NCP – Ministry of Economy/Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Ministry of Finance/Ministry of Labour and Social Policy/Ministry of Environment and Water/others) |
| Participate in the OECD Global Forum on International Investment | Ministry of Economy  InvestBulgaria Agency (IBA)  Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency (BSMEPA) |

Area of cooperation: **Financial Affairs**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate in the Committee on Financial Markets (CFM) as a Participant and its Working Party on Debt Management | Ministry of Finance  Financial Supervision Commission |
| Conduct active participation of Bulgaria as an Invitee in the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC) | Ministry of Finance  Financial Supervision Commission |
| Conduct active participation of the Ministry of Finance in the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE) as a full member | Ministry of Finance |
| Effectively implement the five-year joint project with the OECD/INFE and the Ministry of Finance of the Netherlands on financial literacy (2018-2022) and participate in OECD working bodies | Ministry of Finance |

Area of cooperation: **Corporate Governance and State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Corporate Governance Committee | Ministry of Economy  Public Enterprises and Control Agency |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Working Party on State Ownership and Privatization Practices | Ministry of Economy  Public Enterprises and Control Agency |

Area of cooperation: **Science, Technology and Innovation**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship | Ministry of Economy |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy, participate in the Working Party of National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators and the Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Request for adherence to the Daejeon Declaration on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies for the Global and Digital Age | Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Economy |
| Conduct an OECD Review of Innovation Policy | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Education**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Committee for Education Policy | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the PISA Strategic Development Group | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate in the Working Party on Indicators of Educational Systems | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate as an Invitee and subsequently as a Participant in the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI) Governing Board | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Submit a request for acceding to the INES Network for Data Development on Labour and Social Outcomes of Education | Ministry of Education and Science |

Area of cooperation: **Digital Economy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate in the Committee on Digital Economy Policy (CDEP) as a Participant | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications  State e-Government Agency  Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science  Others |
| Participate in the Working Party on Security and Privacy in the Digital Economy | Ministry of Interior |
| Participate in the Working Party on Communication Infrastructure and Services Policy | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications |
| Participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Measurement and Analysis of the Digital Economy | National Statistical Institute  Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Consumer Policy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Committee on Consumer Policy (CCP) | Ministry of Economy |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Consumer Product Safety | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Trade**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Steel Committee | Ministry of Economy |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the Trade Committee | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the OECD Global Forum on Trade | Ministry of Economy |
| Request for Bulgaria to be added to the Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the annual OECD Global Forum and other OECD forums | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Development Assistance Committee – DAC**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the OECD Development Assistance Committee | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Conduct a traineeship in the Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD Development Assistance Committee | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

Area of cooperation: **Tourism Policies for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Tourism Committee | Ministry of Tourism  National Statistical Institute |
| If possible, take part in an OECD study on tourism exploring different means of promoting tourism and related policies and programmes | --- |

Area of cooperation: **Agriculture**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue the participation of Bulgaria in the work of the Committee for Agriculture and all subsidiary bodies, as well as the Global Forum on Agriculture | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to participate actively in the OECD Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Material Moving in International Trade | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to participate actively in the OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to take part in the OECD Scheme for the production of certified seed or control of seeds subject to international trade | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |

Area of cooperation: **Fight against Corruption**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the activities of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions | Ministry of Justice |

Area of cooperation: **Employment, Job Creation and Social Entrepreneurship**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Entrepreneurship (WPSMEE) | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee (and its subsidiary bodies – Working Party on Employment, Working Party on Migration and Working Party on Social Policy) and participate in the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |

Area of cooperation: **Environment and Climate Change**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as a Participant in the Environment Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Participate as a Participant in the Chemicals Committee and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Request adherence to the Mutual Acceptance of DATA (MAD) system | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Participate in OECD forums concerning environment, climate and chemicals, including the annual Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum | Ministry of Environment and Water |

Area of cooperation: **Statistics**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in meetings of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy and in high-level statistical forums, organized or co-organized by the OECD | National Statistical Institute |
| Participate in official PARIS12 meetings | National Statistical Institute |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the OECD Working Party on National Accounts and participate in other Working Parties and expert meetings such as the Statistics of International Trade in Goods and Services, GDP measurement in the Digital Economy, Business Cycle Analysis, Small and Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship SDMX, ESUT – TiVA, etc. | National Statistical Institute |

Area of cooperation: **Public Management, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works |
| Participate in the Working Party on Gender Mainstreaming and Governance of the Public Governance Committee and request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Participate in the Public Governance Committee | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Public Employment and Management Working Party | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Senior Public Integrity Officials Working Party | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Network of Senior Officials from Centres of Government | Administration of the Council of Ministers |

Area of cooperation: **Health**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Health Committee | Ministry of Health |
| Participate in the Committee on Radiological Protection and Public Health (CRPPH) | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |
| Participate Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters (WPNEM) of the CRPPH | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |
| Participate in the Expert Group on the Implications of Recommendations (EGIR) of the CRPPH | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |

Area of cooperation: **Competition**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue participating actively as a Participant in the Competition Committee | Commission for Protection of Competition |
| Actively participate in the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest | Commission for Protection of Competition |
| Explore the possibility of accession to:   * The Recommendation concerning Effective Action against Hard Core Cartels * The Recommendation on Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement * The Recommendation of the OECD Council on Competition Assessment * The Recommendation Concerning International Co-operation on Competition Investigations and Proceedings | Commission for Protection of Competition |

Area of cooperation: **Participation in OECD Part II Bodies**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and its Database | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement (RINA) of the NEA | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the OECD International Energy Agency Committees   * The Standing Group on Long-Term Co-operation (SLT) * The Standing Group on Global Energy Dialogue (SGD) * The Working Party on Energy Efficiency | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the International Energy Agency’s Standing Groups and Working Party | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement (RINA) of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the High Level Risk Forum and the Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters of the Committee on Radiological Protection and Public Health of the NEA | Ministry of Interior |
| Participate with Nuclear Regulatory Agency experts in NEA Committees | Nuclear Regulatory Agency |
| Participate in the OECD Development Center | Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy  Other interested institutions |

II. Domestic Political and Organisational Activities

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Conduct sessions of the Inter-Institutional Expert Commission, the Inter-Institutional Coordination Mechanism (ICM) and ad hoc Working Parties of the ICM, meetings with the OECD Secretariat in Paris, participate in OECD forums in the various OECD Member States | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Organize trainings and seminars for exchange of experience for the participants in the Inter-Institutional Coordination Mechanism, as well as for other interested parties, involved in the process of the accession of Bulgaria to the OECD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Diplomatic Institute |
| Conduct specialized traineeships for Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, involved in cooperation with the OECD (Foreign Economic Relations Directorate) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Welcome OECD representatives to Bulgaria and other activities, related to OECD – missions of OECD teams in Sofia | Ministry of Economy |
| Conduct an event, hosted by the Ministry of Energy in the framework of the OECD Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement | Ministry of Energy |
| Strengthening of the administrative capacity of the Paris Diplomatic Mission, responsible for cooperation with the OECD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

III. Activities on an International Level

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Study the experience of the OECD Member States; conduct consultations with the OECD in the OECD specialized committees in order to develop a draft for the Communication Strategy for Bulgaria in the context of the OECD membership application; ensure the active participation of Bulgarian representatives in conferences, seminars and other international forums organized in cooperation with the OECD; lobby for Bulgaria’s inclusion in the main OECD partners | Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Diplomatic Missions of Bulgaria |

**Year 2023**

Area of cooperation: **Economic Policy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as a Participant in the OECD Short-term Economic Statistics Working Party (STESWP) | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as a Participant in the Economic and Development Review Committee (EDRC) when invited by the OECD or when the formal procedure for Bulgaria’s accession to the OECD is initiated | Ministry of Finance |
| Actively participate in the Working Party No. 1 on Macroeconomic and Structural Policy Analysis (WP1) when the formal procedure for Bulgaria’s accession to the OECD is initiated, and if possible, submit a request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the Economic Policy Committee (EPC) when the formal procedure for Bulgaria’s accession to the OECD is initiated and submit a request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy |

## Area of cooperation: Investment Policy, Codes of Liberalization and International Investment Statistics

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the Investment Committee and the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct | Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Develop the National Contact Point (NCP) for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the OECD Global Forum on International Investment | Ministry of Economy  InvestBulgaria Agency (IBA)  Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency (BSMEPA) |
| Actively participate in the Advisory Task Force on the Codes of Liberalisation (ATFC) as a Participant or an Associate Member | Ministry of Finance |

Area of cooperation: **Financial Affairs**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate in the Committee on Financial Markets (CFM) as a Participant and its Working Party on Debt Management | Ministry of Finance  Financial Supervision Commission |
| Conduct active participation of Bulgaria as an Invitee in the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee (IPPC) | Ministry of Finance  Financial Supervision Commission |
| Conduct active participation of the Ministry of Finance in the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE) as a full member | Ministry of Finance |
| Participate in the OECD working bodies | Ministry of Finance |

Area of cooperation: **Corporate Governance and State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Corporate Governance Committee | Ministry of Economy  Public Enterprises and Control Agency |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Working Party on State Ownership and Privatization Practices | Ministry of Economy  Public Enterprises and Control Agency |

Area of cooperation: **Science, Technology and Innovation**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the OECD Committee on Industry, Innovation and Entrepreneurship | Ministry of Economy |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy, participate in the Working Party of National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators and the Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy | Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Economy |
| Finalize the OECD Review of Innovation Policy | Ministry of Economy  All relevant competent institutions |

Area of cooperation: **Education**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Committee for Education Policy | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the PISA Strategic Development Group | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate in the Working Party on Indicators of Educational Systems | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Participate as an Invitee and subsequently as a Participant in the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI) Governing Board | Ministry of Education and Science |
| Submit a request for acceding to the INES Network for Data Development on Labour and Social Outcomes of Education | Ministry of Education and Science |

Area of cooperation: **Digital Economy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate in the Committee on Digital Economy Policy (CDEP) as a Participant | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications  State e-Government Agency  Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science  Others |
| Participate in the Working Party on Security and Privacy in the Digital Economy | Ministry of Interior |
| Participate in the Working Party on Communication Infrastructure and Services Policy | Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications |
| Participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Measurement and Analysis of the Digital Economy | National Statistical Institute  Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Consumer Policy**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Committee on Consumer Policy (CCP) | Ministry of Economy |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Consumer Product Safety | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Trade**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Actively participate as a Participant in the Steel Committee | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as a Participant in the Trade Committee | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the OECD Global Forum on Trade | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the annual OECD Global Forum and other OECD forums | Ministry of Economy |

Area of cooperation: **Agriculture**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue the participation of Bulgaria in the work of the Committee for Agriculture and all subsidiary bodies, as well as the Global Forum on Agriculture | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to participate actively in the OECD Scheme for the Certification of Forest Reproductive Material Moving in International Trade | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to participate actively in the OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |
| Continue to take part in the OECD Scheme for the production of certified seed or control of seeds subject to international trade | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry |

Area of cooperation: **Fight against Corruption**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the activities of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions | Ministry of Justice |

Area of cooperation: **Employment, Job Creation and Social Entrepreneurship**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as a Participant in the Working Party on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Entrepreneurship (WPSMEE) | Ministry of Economy |
| Participate in the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee (and its subsidiary bodies – Working Party on Employment, Working Party on Migration and Working Party on Social Policy) and participate in the Co-operative Action Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |

Area of cooperation: **Environment and Climate Change**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as a Participant in the Environment Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Participate as a Participant in the Chemicals Committee and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Participate in OECD forums concerning environment, climate and chemicals, including the annual Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum | Ministry of Environment and Water |

Area of cooperation: **Statistics**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in meetings of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy and in high-level statistical forums, organized or co-organized by the OECD | National Statistical Institute |
| Participate in official PARIS12 meetings | National Statistical Institute |
| Request to upgrade to Participant status in the OECD Working Party on National Accounts and participate in other Working Parties and expert meetings such as the Statistics of International Trade in Goods and Services, GDP measurement in the Digital Economy, Business Cycle Analysis, Small and Medium Enterprises and Entrepreneurship SDMX, ESUT – TiVA, etc. | National Statistical Institute |

Area of cooperation: **Public Management, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee and its subsidiary bodies | Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works |
| Participate in the Working Party on Gender Mainstreaming and Governance of the Public Governance Committee and request to upgrade to Participant status | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy |
| Participate in the Public Governance Committee | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Public Employment and Management Working Party | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Senior Public Integrity Officials Working Party | Administration of the Council of Ministers |
| Participate in the Network of Senior Officials from Centres of Government | Administration of the Council of Ministers |

Area of cooperation: **Health**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate as an Invitee in the Health Committee | Ministry of Health |
| Participate in the Committee on Radiological Protection and Public Health (CRPPH) | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |
| Participate Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters (WPNEM) of the CRPPH | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |
| Participate in the Expert Group on the Implications of Recommendations (EGIR) | National Centre for Radiobiology and Radiation Protection |

Area of cooperation: **Competition**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Continue participating actively as a Participant in the Competition Committee | Commission for Protection of Competition |
| Actively participate in the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest | Commission for Protection of Competition |
| Undergo a peer review of competition policy and legislation | Commission for Protection of Competition |

Area of cooperation: **Participation in OECD Part II Bodies**

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Participate in the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and its Database | Ministry of Energy  Nuclear Regulatory Agency |
| Participate in the Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement (RINA) of the NEA | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the OECD International Energy Agency Committees   * The Standing Group on Long-Term Co-operation (SLT) * The Standing Group on Global Energy Dialogue (SGD) * The Working Party on Energy Efficiency | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the International Energy Agency’s Standing Groups and Working Party | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency | Ministry of Energy |
| Secondment of Ministry of Energy experts to participate in the Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement (RINA) of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency | Ministry of Energy |
| Participate in the High Level Risk Forum and the Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters of the Committee on Radiological Protection and Public Health of the NEA | Ministry of Interior |
| Participate with Nuclear Regulatory Agency experts in NEA Committees | Nuclear Regulatory Agency |
| Participate in the OECD Development Center | Ministry of Economy  Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy  Other interested institutions |

II. Domestic Political and Organisational Activities

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Conduct sessions of the Inter-Institutional Expert Commission, the Inter-Institutional Coordination Mechanism (ICM) and ad hoc Working Parties of the ICM, meetings with the OECD Secretariat in Paris, participate in OECD forums in the various OECD Member States | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Organize trainings and seminars for exchange of experience for the participants in the Inter-Institutional Coordination Mechanism, as well as for other interested parties, involved in the process of the accession of Bulgaria to the OECD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Diplomatic Institute |
| Conduct specialized traineeships for Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, involved in cooperation with the OECD (Foreign Economic Relations Directorate) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Welcome OECD representatives to Bulgaria and other activities, related to OECD – missions of OECD teams in Sofia | Ministry of Economy |
| Conduct an event, hosted by the Ministry of Energy in the framework of the OECD Regional Initiative for Nuclear Advancement | Ministry of Energy |
| Strengthening of the administrative capacity of the Paris Diplomatic Mission, responsible for cooperation with the OECD | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

III. Activities on an International Level

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| Activity | Responsible Institutions |
| Study the experience of the OECD Member States; conduct consultations with the OECD in the OECD specialized committees in order to develop a draft for the Communication Strategy for Bulgaria in the context of the OECD membership application; ensure the active participation of Bulgarian representatives in conferences, seminars and other international forums organized in cooperation with the OECD; lobby for Bulgaria’s inclusion in the main OECD partners | Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Diplomatic Missions of Bulgaria |