



It is my pleasure to welcome you to our new website, revamped in its content and design. Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) is a regional framework for economic cooperation and integration among its 10 Member States. Among the largest and most natural and human resources-endowed regions in the world, ECO Region connects Europe to China and Russia to Indian Ocean. Established in 1964 as “Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD)” and renamed as ECO in 1985, the Organization continued to expand its membership as well as its scope of activities in the last three decades.

Twenty five years after its expansion to 10 countries, and building on core priorities identified through shared experiences, and having in mind the emerging requirements of membership individually and collectively, ECO leaders endorsed in early 2017 a new roadmap for future, the “ECO Vision 2025”. The “Vision” is targeting goals and objectives which will enhance intra-regional connectivity in terms of trade, transport, energy and telecommunications, as well as facilitate people-to-people contacts, including through more vibrant regional tourism industry. While serving the interests of the Member States and the Region as a whole, the envisaged programmes, projects and activities under the “Vision” are expected to also support global agenda, including sustainable development goals (SDGs).

It is my sincere hope that our website, which will be completed through a pilot phase, could shed more light on the ECO profile and serve as a channel guiding you to have better knowledge about our policies and practices.

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