



Tenth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee
Hosted by the Government of Germany, Berlin, Germany
11-12 June 2014

Agenda

Co-Chairs: **Dr. Reinhard Felke, Director, DG for European Policy, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany**
Mr. Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Day 1: 11th June 2014

Policy and Strategy Discussions

08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION AT VENUE**

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Mr. Steffen Kampeter, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Finance

Mr. Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG ELARG

09:30 – 10:00 **Key trends in the Economic Environment**

Mrs Maryia Hake, Economist, DG ECFIN, European Commission

10:00 - 10:15

Update on IPA II

Mr. Morten Jung, Head of Unit, DG ELARG

10:15 – 10:30

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 11:30

Update on future focus areas for the WBIF

- Need for improved Economic Governance
- Macro-Regional Strategies
- Municipal financing

Two brief interventions by EBRD and KfW to present the MIDF

- Update on EDIF

Brief presentation by EIF

Mr. Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG ELARG

Discussion

11:30 - 12:45

Competitiveness in the Western Balkans

- Presentation of the study “Improving Competitiveness in the Balkans”

Dr. Mario Holzner, Deputy Director, Vienna Institute for International Economics

Discussion

- Brainstorming on Competitiveness in the Western Balkans and the role of the WBIF

All participants

12:45

Group Photo

13:00 – 14:30

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14:30 – 15:45

1st Policy and Strategy session – Evolution of WBIF

Presentation of a new methodology for infrastructure investment projects in the Western Balkans

Mr. Massimo Mina, Head of Sector, DG ELARG

Discussion and identification of open issues for further reflections

15:45 – 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:15

2nd Policy and Strategy session – Evolution of WBIF

Presentation of the Final Report from the Task Force on the evolution of WBIF, including the Detailed Review of the WBIF Pipeline

Mr. Olav Reinertsen, Head of the WBIF Secretariat, DG ELARG

Presentation of the Detailed Review

Mr. Jeremy Lazenby, IPF 1

Recommendations from the Detailed Review

Mr. Olav Reinertsen, Head of the WBIF Secretariat, DG ELARG

Discussion and recommendations for next steps

17:15 – 17:30

CONCLUDING REMARKS – END OF DAY 1

18:00

Evening Event

Hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Finance

Buses will leave directly from the meeting venue. Please note that participants are expected to make their own way back to their hotel

Day 2: 12th June 2014

Project oriented session

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08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION AT VENUE**

09:00 – 09:45 **1st Project oriented session - Monitoring Report 1st half 2014**

Mr. Jeremy Lazenby, IPF 1

Presentation of grants proposed for cancellation

Availability of grants for Round 11

Status of IPF4 - *EIB to make a brief presentation*

Discussion

09:45 – 11:00 **2nd Project oriented session - WBIF Project Approval Session (Round 11)**

To be chaired by:

Mr. Massimo Mina, Head of Sector, DG ELARG and Mr. Luca Schio, CEB (co-chairs of the PFG)

Presentation of proposals by representatives of the Beneficiaries and the IFIs

Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

- 11:15 – 12:15** **3rd Project oriented session - Private Sector Participation (PSP)**
- Promotion of Private Sector Participation (PSP) in the Western Balkans
– focus on PPP
- Presentation of an IFICO study on:
- PSP conceptual approach, International Best Practice
 - Identification of concrete projects in the current WBIF project pipeline suitable for PPP (private sector)
- Presentations by IFICO Mr Hubert Warsmann, coordinated with EIB and IFC*
- Discussion
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- 12:15 – 12:30** **Participation of Taiwan as a Bilateral Donor to the WBIF**
- Discussion and for adoption
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- 12:30 – 13:00** **CONCLUDING REMARKS – END OF SC**
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- 13:00** **LUNCH**