

Eleventh Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee

Hosted by the European Investment Bank

Boulevard Konrad Adenauer 98-100, Luxembourg

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Agenda

- Co-Chairs:** Maria Heider, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG ELARG, European Commission
- 8:30 – 9:00** Registration at venue
- 9:00 – 9:30** Welcoming Remarks
Dario Scannapieco, Vice President, European Investment Bank
Maria Heider, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG ELARG, European Commission
- 9:30 – 10:00** Economic Outlook in the Region
Ms Ellen Goldstein, Country Director, World Bank Group
- 10:00 – 10:15** Principle of Connectivity
Jean Eric Paquet, Director, DG ELARG, European Commission
- 10.15 – 10.45** Progress of the regional initiatives funded by the WBIF in the Transport and Energy Sector
- i. Recommendations for the promotion and support of energy infrastructure projects in the Western Balkans.
Violeta Kogalniceanu, Head of Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency Unit, Energy Community Secretariat
- ii. Results of World Bank Sector Development Study: “Updating the Regional Transport Study (REBIS)”
Mr. Baher El-Hifnawi, Lead Transport Economist, World Bank Group
- 10:45 - 11:15** WBIF and Private Sector Participation
- Presentation of the WBIF Strategy Paper on PPP**
Hubert Warsmann, Policy and Strategy Coordinator, IFICO
Clément Fourchy, Principal Adviser, EPEC
- Presentation by IFC**
Tom Lubeck, Manager Western Balkans, IFC
- 11:15 – 11:30** Coffee Break

- 11:30 - 12:15** **New Methodology to support Infrastructure Projects in the Western Balkans**
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG ELARG, European Commission
Wolfgang Schlaeger, Head of Sector, DG ELARG, European Commission
 Discussion and recommendations from the WBIF Restricted Task Force for adoption
 Progress Update on the NIC Framework
Aleksander Olsen, IFICO Expert
- 12:15 – 12:45** **New Implementation Structure of IPA Funds to WBIF**
Barbara Banki, Deputy Head of Unit, DG ELARG, European Commission
 Discussion and recommendation for adoption
- 12:45 – 13:00** **New WBIF MIS**
Elio Voci, WBIF MIS and Information Manager, IFICO
 Discussion and recommendation for adoption
- 13:00** **Group Photo**
- 13:15 – 14:15** **LUNCH**
- 14:15 – 14:30** **WBIF Monitoring Report, October 2014**
Olav Reinertsen, Head WBIF Secretariat, DG ELARG, European Commission
 Availability of grants for Round 12
 Discussion
- 14:30 – 15:30** **WBIF Project Approval Session (Round 12) and Extraordinary Measures on Floods**
 To be chaired by: *Wolfgang Schlaeger, DG ELARG, and Mr. Massimo Cingolani, EIB, Co-chairs of the Project Financiers' Group*
 Presentation of proposals by representatives of the Beneficiaries and the IFIs.
 Discussion and recommendation for adoption
- 15:30 – 15:45** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 15:45 – 16:15** **Project Financiers' Group Report 2014; preparations for the 13th Call for Proposals under WBIF, proposed Work Programme 2015 and WBIF Resources (pledging)**
DG ELARG, Massimo Cingolani, EIB, Co-chair of the Project Financiers' Group
WBIF Secretariat
- 16.15 – 16.45** **Co-Chairmanship of the WBIF SC 2014 and incoming for 2015**
Oliver Klabunde, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
STAREBEI Research Programme
Massimo Cingolani, Managerial Adviser and Deputy Head of Division, Adriatic Sea Department, European Investment Bank
- 16.45 – 17.00** **Conclusions and Recommendations**
Maria Heider, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG ELARG, European Commission
CLOSE OF MEETING

Evening events following immediately the WBIF SC and will be announced at the meeting.