



Fifteenth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee London, United Kingdom, 15 December 2016

**Venue: EBRD Headquarters (Level 2), One Exchange Square,
London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom**

AGENDA

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration at venue**
- 09:00 - 09:30 Welcoming remarks**
Pierre Heilbronn, Vice President, Policy & Partnerships, EBRD
Morten Jung, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit, DG NEAR
Olav Reinertsen, Bilateral Donors Co- chair, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- 09:30 - 10:00 Economic Outlook in the region**
Peter Sanfey, Deputy Director, Country Economics and Policy, EBRD
- 10:00 - 11:15 Energy Efficiency & Renewables in WB6**
(i) Evolution of EU Strategy, Policy, and Investments
Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR
(ii) Regional Energy Efficiency Programme (REEP/REEP Plus)
Pavel Teremetsky, Associate Director, Product and Business Development, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, EBRD
(iii) Green for Growth Fund (GGF)
Elvira Lefting, Managing Director of Finance in Motion
(iv) Discussion
- 11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 12:00 The Connectivity agenda and reform measures**
Introduction by Morten Jung, Head of Unit, DG NEAR
(i) The Joint Action Plan for Western Balkan Trade and Transport Facilitation
Raymond Bourdeaux, Program Leader, South East Europe Country Unit, World Bank Group
(ii) Energy sector infrastructure priorities in the Western Balkans (PECI: Projects of Energy Community Interest and PMI: Projects of Mutual Interest lists) *Violeta Kogalniceanu, Head, Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency, Energy Community Secretariat*

- 12:00 - 12:15** **Signing Ceremony REEP+**
Katarina Mathernova DG Near, Pierre Heilbronn EBRD, Christoph Tiskens KfW, Anders Risberg and Massimo Cingolani EIB
- 12:15 - 12:30** **Group Photo**
- 12:30 - 13:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30 - 13:50** **WBIF Monitoring Report, November 2016**
Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR
Steven v.d. Touw, IFICO
- 13:50 - 14:30** **WBIF Project Approval Session (TA Round 16)**
Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR
Holger Muent, Director, Western Balkans, EBRD
- 14:30 - 15:00** **WBIF Project Approval Session (INV Round 1)**
Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR
Holger Muent, Director, Western Balkans, EBRD
- 15:00 - 15:15** **Coffee break**
- 15:15 - 16:00** **PFG Operational Update**
(i) WBIF Vademecum
Barbara Banki, Deputy Head of Unit, DG NEAR
(ii) TA: new Grant Application Form and eligibility criteria for TA Round 17
Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR
(iii) INV Co-financing: updated Grant Application Form, programming 2017 and preparation for INV Round 2
Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR
(iv) Visibility
Stine Andresen, Head of the WBIF Secretariat, DG NEAR
(v) Proposed Work Programme 2017
Stine Andresen, Head of the WBIF Secretariat, DG NEAR
- 16:00 - 16:20** **Financial Update of the European Western Balkans Joint Fund**
Camilla Otto, Director, Donor Co-Financing, EBRD
- 16:20 - 16:40** **Bilateral Donors Perspective, Pledges and Co-chair for 2017**
Olav Reinertsen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, Norway
- 16:40 - 17:00** **AOB & Conclusions**