

Seventh Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee
Hosted by the Council of Europe Development Bank
OECD Conference Centre, 2 Rue André Pascal, Paris 75016
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Final Draft Agenda

Co-Chairs:

Harald Waiglein, Director General, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG Enlargement, European Commission

8:30 – 9:00 **Welcome coffee and registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Mikolaj Dowgielewicz, Vice-Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank

Harald Waiglein, Director General, Ministry of Finance, Austria

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

9:30 – 10:30 **WBIF: Adapting to a Changing and Challenging Environment**

Summary overview of the economic environment - *Claudio Viezzoli, EBRD*

Outcome of WBIF stakeholder discussions on enhancing the application, screening, assessment and monitoring of WBIF grants – *Olav Reinertsen, Head of WBIF Secretariat, European Commission*

Questions and Answers

10.30 – 11:30 **Investing in the Social Sector – Opportunities for the WBIF**

Leon Herrera, Council of Europe Development Bank and Mary O'Mahony, IFI Coordination Office

Questions and Answers

11.30 – 12.00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:00 **Investment Projects & Sectoral Studies submitted for approval under Round 8**

Christos Gofas, DG Enlargement and Leon Herrera, CEB, Co-Chairs of the Project Financiers Group

Representatives of the Beneficiaries and the IFIs

Questions and Answers

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15.15 Investment Projects & Sectoral Studies submitted for approval under Round 8 (con'td)

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15.15 – 16.15 WBIF – Impact on the Ground

Review of the Latest Status of the WBIF Pipeline of Investments – *Jeremy Lazenby, IPF 1*

Presentation of selection of WBIF projects under construction - *Ognjen Miric, NIPAC Office Serbia and Aleksander Drljevic, NIPAC Office Montenegro*

Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (EDIF)

Questions and Answers

16.15 - 16.45 COFFEE BREAK

16.45 – 17:20 Project Financiers Group – Annual Report 2012, Proposed Work Programme 2013 and WBIF Resources

Christos Gofas, DG Enlargement and Leon Herrera, CEB, Co-Chairs of the Project Financiers Group

17:20 – 17.30 Management of Technical Assistance under the WBIF

17:30 – 17.45 Chairmanship of the WBIF SC for 2013

17:45 - 18:00 Conclusions and Recommendations

Harald Waiglein, Director General, Ministry of Finance, Austria

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

18.00 CLOSE OF MEETING