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Eighth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee
Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic
The Zappeion Exhibition Hall, Athens
13 June 2013
Draft Final Agenda

Co-Chairs:

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Director General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

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

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

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Dimitris Kourkoulas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

09:30 – 10:15 **Socio-Economic Environment in the Western Balkans**

Overview of the Economic Outlook for the Western Balkans

Satu Kahkonen, Sector Manager, World Bank

Questions and Answers

10:15-11:15 **WBIF: Meeting the Challenges of Realising Socio-Economic Investments in the Western Balkans**

Discussion on the Evolution of WBIF and the Possibilities for Using Innovative Financing Instruments

Yngve Engström, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, EC

Bernd Spahn and Mary O'Mahony, IFI CO

Questions and Answers

11:15 – 11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45– 13:00 **Investment Projects & Sectoral Studies submitted for approval under Round 9**

Christos Gofas, DG Enlargement and Massimo Cingolani, EIB, Co-Chairs of the Project Financiers Group

Representatives of the Beneficiaries and the IFIs

Questions and Answers

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15.00 Investment Projects & Sectoral Studies submitted for approval under Round 9 (con'td)

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Questions and Answers

15.00 – 16.00 Overview of Monitoring and Implementation of the WBIF Pipeline

Introduction of the Draft WBIF Projects Compendium and Assessment of Benefits

Olav Reinertsen, Head of WBIF Secretariat

Review of the Latest Status of the WBIF Pipeline of Investments

Jeremy Lazenby, IPF 1

Questions and Answers

16.00 - 16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30-17.00 Implementation of the WBIF Pipeline – View from the Beneficiaries

Presentations by NIPACs: Kosovo* and Croatia

Questions and Answers

17.00-17.40 Implementation of WBIF Work Programme 2013

Olav Reinertsen, Head of WBIF Secretariat

Review of Lead IFI fee; Information on Terms of Reference for IP4; Participation of Croatia in WBIF after EU Accession, Overview of progress to date and forthcoming activities

Questions and Answers

17:40 - 18:00 Conclusions and Recommendations

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

18.00 CLOSE OF MEETING

18.30 VISIT OF THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

20.30 DINNER AT RESTAURANT DIONYSOS HOSTED BY THE GREEK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence