



Nineteenth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee hosted by European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

06 December 2018

Agenda

Venue: European Investment Bank Headquarters, WKI West: Boulevard Konrad Adenauer 100, Luxembourg¹

Participants: DG NEAR, DG MOVE, IFIs, Bilateral Donors, Beneficiary Countries, SEETO, Energy Community, RCC, WBIF Secretariat, IPFs, Connecta and IFICO

Policy & Strategy Session

Co-Chairs: *Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission and Mr. Sylvain Geranton, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France*

08:30 - 09:00 Registration at venue

09:00 - 09:15 Welcoming remarks

Mr. Dario Scannapieco Vice President, EIB and WBIF SC Co-chairs: Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission and Mr. Sylvain Geranton, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France

09:15 - 09:45 Economic Outlook in the region

Mrs. Linda Van Gelder, World Bank Group

09:45 - 11:15 Session: “Challenges for the Western Balkans and Strategic Response”

Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, DG NEAR

- Reinforcing the WBIF umbrella
- Economic Reform Programmes – the new approach
- Progress on Regional Economic Area

With intervention by Mrs. Majlinda Bregu, RCC

- EU Branding of Joint Interventions
- Western Balkans Guarantee Instrument

11:15 - 11:30 Group photo and coffee break

11:30 - 12:00 EIB Group outlook on the Western Balkans and the WBIF

Mr. Luca Lazzaroli, EIB

12:00 - 12:30 Bilateral Donors session

¹ WKI West building “CA Meeting Room”, EIB and/or IFICO representatives will be waiting at the reception area, main entrance. Please bring photo ID with you.

- wiiw study “Investment in the WBs: New Directions & Financial Constraints”

Mrs. Elisabeth Gruber, Austria and Mr. Olav Reinertsen, Norway

- Co-chairmanship 2019

- Pledging

12:30 - 12:45 IFI session

- Approval of AFD as participating organisation
- Next steps on World Bank becoming a partner organisation

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch at venue

Project Oriented Session

Co-chairs: *Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission & Mr. Sylvain Geranton, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France*

14:15 - 15:00 WBIF Updates

- WBIF Monitoring Report
- Delays in project implementation

Mrs. Stine Andresen, DG NEAR

- Status update EWBIF

Mrs. Caroline Clarkson, EBRD

15:00 - 16:00 WBIF Projects Approval Session (TA Round 20)

- Presentation of applications by representatives of the Beneficiaries and the IFIs

PFG Co-chairs: Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR & Mr. Massimo Cingolani, EIB

16:00 - 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 - 17:00 WBIF Projects Approval Session (INV Round 3)

17:00 - 17:15 Project Financiers Group Operational Issues

- Eligibility criteria TA Round 21
- Update: INV Round 04
- Dates for 2019

Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR

17:15 - 17:30 AOB