



22nd MEETING OF THE WBIF STEERING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

09 – 10 June 2020 (virtual meeting)

09 June: WBIF Policy and Strategy Session

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| 08:00 | - | 09:00 | Registration to online platform
<i>(see instructions)</i> |
| 09:00 | - | 09:15 | Welcoming and Introduction to 22nd WBIF SC meeting
<i>WBIF SC Co-chairs: Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR and Mrs. Elisabeth Gruber, Head of Department for International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria</i> |
| 9:15 | - | 10:45 | COVID-19 response in the context of Team Europe and Commission’s proposal on the Multi-Financial Framework
<i>Mrs. Katarina Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR</i>
Presentation “fit for purpose Western Balkan/COVID-19 Guarantees”
<i>Mrs. Charlotte Ruhe, EBRD, Managing Director Central and South Eastern Europe</i>
<i>Mrs. Wiebke Schloemer, IFC, Director, Europe and Central Asia</i>
<i>Mr. Christoph Tiskens, Director Southeast Europe and Turkey, KfW</i>
Discussion |
| 10:45 | - | 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 | - | 11:30 | Western Balkans State of play – Political context and challenges ahead
<i>Mrs. Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director Western Balkans, DG NEAR</i>
Discussion |
| 11:30 | - | 11:45 | Statement by WBIF SC Co-chair Austria “Bilateral Donor’s priorities”
<i>Mrs. Elisabeth Gruber and Mrs. Agnes Drimmel, Department International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance Austria, Federal Ministry of Finance</i> |
| 11:45 | - | 12:15 | EIB’s Response to the Covid-19 crisis including through the EU External Lending Mandate
<i>Mr. Miguel Morgado, Director, EIB, Adriatic Sea</i>
Discussion |
| 12:15 | - | 12:30 | AOB |

10 June: Sector Session I Infrastructure

- 08:00 - 09:00 **Registration to online platform**
(see instructions)
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming remarks**
Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR and Mrs. Elisabeth Gruber, Bilateral Donor Co-Chair, Head of Department for International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
- 09:15 - 09:30 **ECS's current work on energy and climate aspects**
Mr. Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat
- 09:30 - 09:45 **Status update European Western Balkans Joint Fund**
Mrs. Jasmin Khalaf, Acting Principal Manager, EBRD
- 09:45 - 10:30 **WBIF Project Approval Session TA Round 23**
 - En-bloc approval TA Round 23
 - Eligibility Criteria and Launch of TA Round 24 & INV Round 06
 - Update INV Round 05*Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- 10:30 - 11:00 **WBIF Secretariat Updates**
 - Monitoring Report and Annual Report 2019
 - WBIF 3.0 Working Group
 - Communication and Visibility
 - Written procedures*Mrs. Stine Andresen, Head of WBIF Secretariat*
- 11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee break**

Session II Private Sector Development

- 11:15 - 11:30 **Welcoming Remarks, Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes**
Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission
Mrs. Elisabeth Gruber, Bilateral Donor Co-Chair, Head of Department for International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
Mr. Marco Marrone, Departmental Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund
- 11:30 - 12:30 **COVID-19 pandemic - economic impact and opportunities for sustainable recovery**
- Scene setter on the regional perspective and situation from the ground
Mr. Bojan Stanić, Assistant Director Strategic Analysis, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, representing WB6 CIF
 - Presentation of COVID-19 Guarantee proposal under the EDIF-Guarantee Facility II
Mr. Gianluca Massimi, EIF, Head of Southern Western Europe and Mr. Marco Giuliani, EIF, Regional Mandates Manager
 - Presentation of top-up proposal for the Regional Competitiveness Programme
Mrs. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, EBRD Regional Head of Western Balkans
- Discussion and approval of proposals**
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Presentation of the regular updates on Financial Instruments and Support Services**
Financial Instruments – *Mr. Marco Giuliani, EIF, Regional Mandates Manager*
Support Services – *Mr. Michael Vögele, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- 13:00 - 13:15 **WB EDIF Overview from Coordinator**
- WB EDIF Annual Report 2019
 - Other visibility actions
- Mr. Alfio Lo Castro, EIF, WB EDIF coordination*
- 13:15 - 13:30 **AOB**