



## 25<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE WBIF PROJECT FINANCIERS' GROUP

### AGENDA (updated)

25 to 27 April 2018, Skopje

- Note to participants**
- 25<sup>th</sup> April morning: site visit
  - 25<sup>th</sup> April afternoon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Paris Group and WBIF Bilateral Donors meetings
  - 26<sup>th</sup> April morning restricted PFG, lunch & afternoon extended PFG followed by evening event
  - 27<sup>th</sup> April morning: IPF 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop
- PFG & workshop venue** Hotel Holiday Inn, Filip Vtori Makedonski No. 5, Skopje
- Participants** PG and PFG morning session restricted, all other events are open to all.

#### 26 April: Morning (closed)<sup>1</sup> Project Oriented Session PFG Co-chairs: DG NEAR/EIB

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming remarks and introduction**  
*Mr. Samuel Žbogar, Head Head of EUD MKD, PFG co-chairs, Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR and Mr. Massimo Cingolani, EIB*
- 09:15 - 10:30 **Screening and assessment of TA Round 19 Projects**  
*PFG Co-chairs & IFIs*
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Screening and assessment of TA Round 19 Projects (cont.)**  
*PFG Co-chairs & IFIs*
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Status update INV Rounds**  
*DG NEAR / WBIF Secretariat*
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**  
*all PFG participants are invited*

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<sup>1</sup> Participation is restricted to DG NEAR, Bilateral Donors, IFIs, selected IFICO and IPF representatives (both TL and DTL can participate as observers i.e. they are not invited to take the floor. Should they wish to, Project Directors can also attend as observers).

**26 April: afternoon (open) Policy and Strategy Session**  
**PFG Co-chairs: DG NEAR/EIB**

- 14:00 - 14:15 **Welcoming remarks**
- 14:15 - 14:45 **WBIF Technical Updates**
- Presentation draft Monitoring Report  
*Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat / Steven vd Touw, IFICO*
  - Status update: Joint Fund Balance  
*Caroline Clarkson, EBRD*
  - Update on the EWBJF Annual Implementation Report  
*Massimo Cingolani, EIB*
- 14:45 - 15:15 **WBIF Strategic Updates**
- WB Strategy
  - Upcoming summits (Sofia, London)  
*Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR*
- Introduction: WB6 guarantee mechanism**  
*Thomas Adams, DG NEAR*
- Update on the Hydropower Strategy**  
*Elodie Loppé, DG NEAR*
- 15:15 - 15:30 **AFD engagement in the Western Balkans**  
*Dominique Hautbergue, Agence Francaise de Developpement*
- 15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee break**
- 15:45 - 16:15 **Final output of the WBIF Gas Ring Study**  
*Rhedon Begolli, World Bank Group (TBC)*
- 16:15 - 16:30 **Bilateral Donor update**  
*Gregoire Fauquier*
- 16:30 - 17:00 **WBIF Secretariat Updates**
- Visibility Guidelines, NICs, Youth Education Study, WBIF Self - Assessment, MIS, Reporting  
*Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat & IFICO*
- 17:00 - 17:30 **Update Digital Infrastructure – Guidelines**  
*David Ringrose, DG CONNECT*
- 17:30 - 17:45 **AOB & Concluding remarks**
- Connecta extension and outputs to date



## IPF 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop

Friday 27 April

- 08:00 - 08:30 **Registration at venue** (coffee & pastries)
- 08:30 - 08:40 **Welcoming remarks and introduction to the workshop**  
*Wolfgang Schläger, Elodie Loppé, DG NEAR and Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat*
- 08:40 - 09:00 **IPF 10 Years Anniversary Review**  
*Wolfgang Schläger, Elodie Loppé, DG NEAR*
- 09:00 - 09:30 **IPF presentation**  
*IPF representatives*
- 09:30 - 10:00 **IPF Evaluation**  
*Mr. Ted Sheldia, TiEG*
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Coffee break**
- 10:15 - 11:15 **Discussion**
- AOB and Concluding Remarks**