

23rd MEETING OF THE WBIF PROJECT FINANCERS' GROUP

AGENDA

PFG meeting: 16 - 17 May 2017

TA seminar: 18 May 2017

Venues:

Day 1: DG NEAR, ROOM L15 09/MED, Rue de la Loi 15, Brussels
Day 2: EC, ROOM VM2 02/2, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels
Day 3: DG NEAR, ROOM L15 09/MED, 15 Rue de la Loi, Brussels

Participants:

Day 1: DG NEAR, WBIF Secretariat, IFIs, Bilateral Donors, IFICO
Day 2 & 3: all above & NIPACs, IPFs 3-6, CONNECTA

Day 1: Tuesday 16 May 2017

DG NEAR premises (ROOM L15 09/MED1)

Wolfgang Schläger DG NEAR and Vitomir Miles Raguz CEB (co-chair)

Projects (closed) Session

14:00 - 14:15 **Welcoming**
PFG co-chairs

14:15 - 15:45 **Screening and assessment of TA Round 17 Projects**
DG NEAR, W Schläger and PFG Co-chair

15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 - 16:30 **Screening and assessment of TA Round 17 Projects**
DG NEAR, W Schläger and PFG Co-chair

16:30 - 17:00 **Status update INV Rounds 0 & 1**
First analysis of INV Round 2 Projects
DG NEAR, W Schläger

17:00 - 17:30 **Concluding remarks**

End of day 1

Evening Event

(NIPACs, IPFs, CONNECTA, JASPERS are invited to the evening event)

Day 2: Wednesday 17 May 2017
European Commission (ROOM VM2 02/2, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels)
Wolfgang Schläger DG NEAR and Vitomir Miles Raguz CEB (co-chair)

Policy and Strategy (open) Session 2

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming**
PFG co-chairs
- 09:15 - 09:45 **Presentation draft Monitoring Report**
DG NEAR, W Schläger and IFICO, S vd Touw
- 09:45 - 10:00 **Joint Fund Presentation** (update)
EBRD, C Clarkson
- 10:00 - 10:30 **GAF: Updates**
DG NEAR, W Schläger
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Vademecum** (presentation and discussion)
DG NEAR, B Banki
- 12:00 - 12:30 **IFI Cooperation in ENV and SOC Sectors**
CEB, M Raguz
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 - 14:30 **Biomass Sector Development update on findings**
World Bank Group, J Vayrynen
- 14:30 - 15:00 **A Regional Strategy for Sustainable Hydropower in the Western Balkans – Progress of the Study and KfW's proposal**
DG NEAR, E Loppé, KfW, B Schmülling and J Kern
- 15:00 - 15:30 **WBIF Update: NIC & SPP progression and Capacity Building activities in the Western Balkans**
WBIF Secretariat, S Andresen and IFICO, FJ Sellner
- 15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:45 - 16:00 **Presentation of Bilateral Donors priorities**
WBIF SC Co-chair, M Svensson
- 16:00 - 16:15 **MIS – Reporting module**
WBIF Secretariat, S Andresen
- 16:15 - 16:30 **Presentation of WBIF Annual Report 2016, and update on visibility**
WBIF Secretariat, S Andresen
- 16:30 - 17:00 **Preparation of the 16th SC: succinct discussion**
WBIF Secretariat, S Andresen
- 17:00 - 17:15 **AOB & Concluding remarks**

End of day 2

Day 3: Thursday 18 May 2017
DG NEAR premises (ROOM L15 09/MED1)
Wolfgang Schläger (chair)

TA Seminar

09:00 - 09:15 **Opening remarks**

09:15 - 10:45 **Improving the quality of WBIF grant applications**

- Remarks from the screening – Elodie Loppé (DG NEAR)
- Remarks from the assessment – Dr. Helke Waelde (KfW)
- Remarks from the preparation of the terms of reference – Steven van der Touw (IFICO)
- Remarks from the implementation – Gordon Lamond (IPF 3)

Discussion

10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:45 **Complementarity of regional technical assistance instruments**

- Introduction – Wolfgang Schläger (DG NEAR)
- Infrastructure Project Facilities – Jeremy Lazenby (IPF 5)
- JASPERS – Pasquale Staffini (EIB)
- CONNECTA – Chris Germanacos

Discussion

12:45 - 13:00 **Closing remarks**

End of seminar