



24th MEETING OF THE WBIF PROJECT FINANCERS' GROUP

AGENDA

Thursday 9 November 2017, Sarajevo

- Note to participants**
- CEB Project visit - 10:30 -13:30, Wednesday 08 November
 - 2nd Paris Group meeting Wednesday 08 November (afternoon) at the Marriott Courtyard 14:00 – 17:30
 - PFG evening event 08 November @ Marriott Skybar
 - 24th PFG on Thursday 09 November
 - Workshop on Friday 10 November
- PFG & workshop venue** EUD premises, Skenderija 3a, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnien und Herzegowina
- Participants** Morning session¹: WBIF Secretariat, DG NEAR, IFIs, Bilateral Donors, IFICO
Lunch and afternoon session, evening event: all above, NIPACs, IPFs 3-6, CONNECTA, ECS, SEETO, WBIF Country Managers

Morning (closed) Project Oriented Session PFG Co-chairs: DG NEAR/KfW

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming remarks and introduction**
Ambassador Wigemark, Head of EUD BiH, PFG co-chairs, DG NEAR and KfW
- 09:15 - 10:30 **Screening and assessment of TA Round 18 Projects**
DG NEAR / WBIF Secretariat & IFIs
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Screening and assessment of TA Round 18 Projects (cont.)**
DG NEAR / WBIF Secretariat & IFIs
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Status update INV Rounds**
DG NEAR / WBIF Secretariat & IFIs
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch at Marriott Courtyard**
all PFG participants are invited

¹ Selected IPF representatives are invited as observers to this session.

Afternoon (open) Policy and Strategy Session
PFG Co-chairs: DG NEAR/KfW
(NIPAC, all IPF & Connecta representatives and Country Managers are invited)

Welcoming by Bosnia and Herzegovina

- 14:00 - 14:45 **WBIF related Updates**
- Presentation draft Monitoring Report
Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat / S vd Touw, IFICO
 - DG NEAR Update on Connecta
Wolfgang Schläger / D Kunc, DG NEAR
 - Status update: Joint Fund Balance
Caroline Clarkson, EBRD
- 14:45 - 15:15 **Hydropower Strategy update**
Wolfgang Schläger / Elodie Loppé, DG NEAR
- 15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee break**
- 15:30 - 16:00 **PFG Discussion Point: Eligibility of Digital Infrastructure under WBIF**
Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat
- 16:00 - 16:30 **PPP Institutional Strengthening in the Western Balkans**
Luigi de Pierris, EPEC/EIB
- 16:30 - 17:00 **WBIF Secretariat Updates**
- WBIF Reporting
 - Communication & Visibility
 - First findings: Youth Education Sector Study & NIC Final Report
 - VAT exemption
 - PFG discussion point: Rotation of PFG Co-Chair & PFG locations
- Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat & IFICO*
- 17:00 - 17:15 **Bilateral Donor update**
- Bilateral Donors: update on WBIF SC Co-Chair 2018
 - Pledges
- 17:15 - **AOB & Concluding remarks**

Free evening



Workshop on WBIF Facilities

Friday 10 November 2017

Venue: EUD premises

- 08:45 - 09:00 **Registration at venue**
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming remarks and introduction to the workshop**
Wolfgang Schläger, Elodie Loppé, DG NEAR and Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat
- 09:15 - 10:30 **WBIF Country Managers technical discussion**
- Evolution of the Country Managers, role, job description, involvement
Wolfgang Schläger & Elodie Loppé, DG NEAR, Jeremy Lazenby, IPF 5
 - Introduction of Country Managers
Country Managers
 - Discussion
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 - 12:30 **GAF Wizard Presentation and Practical Training**
- GAF wizard presentation
Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat & Alex Trelea IFICO
 - Questions and Answers
- 12:30 - 13:00 **AOB and Concluding Remarks**