



27th MEETING OF THE WBIF PROJECT FINANCIERS' GROUP

AGENDA

22-23 May 2019, Tirana

Note to participants	21 May	18:00 – 20:00	WBIF Secretariat Coordination Meeting
	22 May	09:00 – 12:00	2 nd Paris Group
		10:00 – 12:00	WBIF Bilateral Donors meetings
		14:00 – 17:30	27 th PFG (closed) project-oriented session
		19:00 – open	Photo exhibition 10 years WBIF
	23 May	09:00 – 17:30	27 th PFG (open) policy and strategy session
	19:00 – open	evening event	
24 May	09:00	Site visit to Durres port	
PFG venue	Hotel International, City Center, Rruge Devijimi, Tirana		
Participants	22 May PG and PFG afternoon session restricted 22 May evening event and 23 & 24 May open for all		

22 May: (closed) Project Oriented Session

14:00	-	14:15	Welcoming remarks and introduction <i>PFG co-chairs: Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR and Mrs. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, Director, Western Balkans, EBRD</i>
14:15	-	14:30	Status update: Joint Fund Balance <i>Mrs. Caroline Clarkson, Principal Manager, Donor Co-Financing, EBRD</i>
14:30	-	15:30	Screening and assessment of TA Round 21 Projects <i>PFG Co-chairs & IFIs</i>
15:30	-	16:00	Coffee Break
16:00	-	16:30	Screening and assessment of TA Round 21 Projects (cont.) <i>PFG Co-chairs & IFIs</i>
16:30	-	17:30	Status update INV Round 04 <i>Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR</i>
19:00			<i>Evening Event & Photo Exhibition (all are invited)</i>

23 May: (open) Policy and Strategy Session

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming remarks**
Mr. Luigi Soreca, Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to Albania & PFG co-chairs: Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR and Mrs. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, Director, Western Balkans, EBRD
- 09:15 - 11:00 **Evolution “WBIF 2.0”**
- Update on DG NEAR’s policy for WBs
 - WBIF Self-assessment
 - Main findings IAS audit, IPF evaluation & Background Paper Coordination Meeting
 - Discussion and recommendations for 20th WBIF SC meeting
- Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR; Mrs. Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat*
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Investment needs in Western Balkans**
- Presentation and discussion: WB Infrastructure Investment Study
Mr. Olav Reinertsen, Norway & Mrs. Elisabeth Gruber Austria, Mr. Mario Holzer, wiiw
 - Update “Funding Needs Analysis”
Mr. Detlef Pulsack, IFICO
 - Funding needs in the Youth Education Sector
Mr. Miles Vitomir Raguz, CEB
 - Discussion
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Bilateral Donor’s priorities**
Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 - 15:00 **WBIF Secretariat Updates**
- Status update EWBIF
Mrs. Caroline Clarkson, EBRD
 - Presentation of the draft Monitoring Report
 - WBIF 10 years anniversary - Communication & Visibility
 - Technical updates
Mrs. Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee break**
- 15:30 - 16:30 **Digital Infrastructure Development in the WBIF**
 Interventions and presentations by:
*Mrs. Ersida Docaj, Information & Communication Technologies, EBRD; and
 Mr. Mattias Bergdahl DG CONNECT (via Video link)*
- 16:30 - 17:30 **PPP opportunities within the WBIF**
 Interventions and presentations by:
*Mrs. Chris Blades, EPEC/EIB, and
 Mrs. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, EBRD*
- 17:30 **AOB**

24 May: Site Visit

Departure to Durres port in the morning from the venue (Hotel International), return to Tirana airport and venue around lunch time / early afternoon.