



**1st Meeting of the WBIF Strategic Board
16th December 2021, 09:00h - 13:00h**

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

Registration (08:30h-09:00h)

- I. Introductory remarks by the WBIF Co-Chairs
(09:00h – 09:30h)**
 - **Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director-General DG NEAR, European Commission**
 - **Francesca Utili, Director-General, International Financial Relations Directorate, Department of the Treasury, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy in representation of the WBIF bilateral donors**

- II. Adoption of the agenda
(09:30h – 09:35h)**

- III. Opening interventions of WBIF stakeholders (3-5 min each)
(09:35h – 10:30h)**
 - **EU Presidency**
 - **European Parliament**
 - **Western Balkan partners**
 - **Bilateral Donors statement**
 - **IFIs statement**
 - **EIB**

Discussion

- IV. Update on latest developments in the Western Balkans
(10:30h – 11:00h)**
 - **Maciej Popowski, acting Director-General DG NEAR, European Commission**

- v. Presentation of WBIF Strategic Orientations for the Western Balkans (EFSD+)
(11:00h – 11:30H)**

*For opinion**

Break (11:30h-11:45h)

- VI. Presentation of the rules of procedure
(11:45h– 12:30h)**

*For adoption**

- VII. AOB (12:30h - 13:00h)**

*It will be formalised through written procedure to be launched after the meeting