



2ND MEETING OF THE WBIF STRATEGIC BOARD

21 June 2022, 09h00-17h30

AGENDA

MORNING SESSION

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

- I. Introductory remarks by the WBIF Co-Chairs
(09h30-10h00)**
 - 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
Adoption of the minutes from the previous Strategic Board meeting (December 2021)
(10h00-10h05)**

- III. Opening interventions of WBIF stakeholders (3-5 min each)
(10h05-11h00)**
 - EU Presidency
 - European Parliament
 - Western Balkan partners
 - Bilateral Donors statement
 - IFIs statement and EIB

Discussion

- IV. Update on political developments in the Western Balkans
(11h00-11h30)**

Q&A, discussion

Coffee Break (11h30-12h00)

v. WBIF main developments: advancing on the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan for Western Balkans (12h00-12h20)

vi. Western Balkans Economic Outlook – Presentation of “Business resilience in the Western Balkans, at times of repeated shocks” (co-authored EIB-EBRD-IMF, in cooperation with WB) (12h20-13h00)

- Debora Revoltella, Director of EIB Economics Department
- Stefanie Eble, Senior Economist IMF

Q&A, discussion

Video, Group Photo (13h00-13h10), Lunch (13h10-14h30)

AFTERNOON SESSION

(Coffee Station available 15h30-16h30)

vii. The energy transition in the Western Balkans (14h30-17:00)

- RePower Western Balkans, (14:30h-14:45h)
Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat
- Impact of the energy crisis in the Western Balkans, (14h45-15h00)
Linda van Gelder, Director, the World Bank
- The WBIF Regional Energy Efficiency Programme, (15h00-15h30)
Remon Zakaria, EBRD
Pablo Obrador, KfW
- Acceleration of the energy transition, (15h30-16h30)
Representatives from the beneficiary economies,
10 minutes each intervention

Q&A, discussion (16:30h-17:00h)

viii. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure (17h00-17h15)

For adoption

ix. AoB & concluding remarks (17h15-17h30)

- Confirmation of co-chair for the Bilateral Donors
- Launch of WBIF social media

End of the meeting: (17h30)