



Twentieth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee hosted by Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin, Germany

WBIF's 10 Years Anniversary

25 - 26 June 2019

Agenda

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| Note to participants | 25 June | 08:00 – 16:00 | Policy and Strategy Session |
| | | 16:30 – 18:00 | EDIF PAG |
| | | 19:00 | Departure from venue to evening event |
| | 26 June | 09:00 – 13:00 | Project Oriented Session |

Venue: German Federal Ministry of Finance, Wilhelmstrasse 97, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Participants: European Commission (DG NEAR, other DGs), IFIs, Bilateral Donors, Beneficiaries, TCS¹, ECS, RCC, EIF, OECD, (rest of EDIF), Jaspers, IPFs, Connecta, WBIF Secretariat and IFICO

Day 1

WBIF 10 Year Anniversary

Policy & Strategy Session

Co-Chairs:

Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission

Mr. Thomas Westphal, Director General for European Affairs, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany

08:00 - 09:00 Registration (& security check) at venue

09:00 - 10:00 Welcome

Mr. Thomas Westphal, Director General for European Affairs, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany

Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission

Celebrating 10 Years of WBIF: A Joint Success Story

Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance Germany and Mrs. Christiane Hullman, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission

¹ Transport Community Secretariat (replaced SEETO)

- 10:00 - 10:45** *Family Photo and Coffee Break*
- 10:45 - 12:00** **Looking forward to the future**
Mrs. Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director, DG NEAR
Q & A
- 12:00 - 13:00** **Reinforcing EU Instruments to face the future**
Mrs. Barbara Banki, Head of Unit, DG NEAR
- The Role of International Financial Institutions and the Private Sector**
Mr. Hubert Cottogni, Director, Head of Mandate Management, EIF
Mr. Claudio Viezzoli, Managing Director, SME Finance & Development, Ms. Charlotte Ruhe, Managing Director, Central and South Eastern Europe, EBRD
- 13:00 - 14:00** *Lunch*
- 14:00 - 14:30** **Bilateral Donor Community: Priorities for 2019 and beyond**
Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany &
Mr. Thomas Motak, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- 14:30 - 16:00** **Beneficiary Perspective on how to prepare for the future – Making the SPP fit for the future**
 Session led by *Mr. Yngve Engström, Head of Operations, EUD, Serbia*
- Intervention on fiscal space /debt sustainability by *Mrs. Gallina Vincelette, Manager, World Bank Group*
 - Interventions by NIPAC/NIC representatives
 - Discussion
- 16:00 - 16:30** *Coffee Break*
- 16:30 - 18:00** **Session on private sector support: WB EDIF Platform Advisory Group meeting (PAG)**
- Overview of EDIF instruments and programmes
 - Financial Pillars (EIF, EBRD)
 - Support Services (COM)
 - A policy driven private sector support: synergies with national schemes and programmes, as well as with other sectors under WBIF (discussion)
- EIF, EBRD, DG NEAR, comments from beneficiaries
- 19:00** **Departure from venue to evening event**



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Day 2
Project Oriented Session

- Co-chairs:** *Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission & Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany*
- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcoming remarks**
Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany
Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission
- 09:15 - 09:45 WBIF Updates**
- WBIF Monitoring Report
Mrs. Stine Andresen, DG NEAR
 - Status update EWBIF
Mrs. Caroline Clarkson, ERDB
- 09:45 - 10:30 WBIF Projects Approval Session (TA Round 21)**
En-bloc presentation of proposals by representatives of the Beneficiaries
PFG Co-chairs: Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR, & Mrs. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, EBRD
- 10:30 - 11:00 State of Play Investment Round 04**
Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:30 - 12:00 WBIF next Rounds (TA Round 22 & INV Round 05)**
- Eligibility criteria
 - Dates and venues
- Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR*
- 12:00 - 12:15 Update on the Transport Policy for the Western Balkans**
Mr. Alain Baron, DG MOVE
- 12:15 - 12:45 WBIF Secretariat Informative Session**
- WBIF 2.0 Practical Modalities
 - Recommendations: governance improvements & efficiencies
 - Funding Needs Analysis (update)
 - Communication & Visibility
- Mr. Wolfgang Schläger and Mrs Stine Andresen, DG NEAR*
- 12:30 - 13:00 AOB & Conclusions**
- Written procedures