



NORWEGIAN MINISTRY
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Enlargement Directorate-General

Fourth meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee

DRAFT AGENDA

Venue: Scandic Hotel
Vangsveien 121
2318 Hamar
Norway

Thursday, 23 June 2011

*Co-chairmen: Mr Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, European Commission
Ms. Margit F. Tveiten, Norway*

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Welcome coffee and registration |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Welcoming Remarks
<i>Mr Erik Lahnstein, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Mr Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director DG Enlargement, European Commission</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:50 | Update on Political and Economic Developments in the Region
<i>Mr. Jonas Jonsson, Head of Unit Western Balkans and Turkey, EEAS
Ms. Debora Revoltella, EIB Chief Economist
Questions and Answers</i> |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | Break |
| 11:10 – 12:30 | Transition agenda and debt sustainability in the Western Balkans post-crisis
<i>Mr. Claudio Viezzoli, Director, Western Balkans, EBRD
Mr Yngve Engström, Head of Unit Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, EC
Dr Bernd Spahn and Ms. Nadia Carsimanovic, Experts at the IFI coordination office
Questions and Answers</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | PFG work programme 2011 and WBIF resources (including future contributions)
<i>Co-chairmen of the Project Financiers Group
Questions and Answers</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Projects submitted for approval
<i>Representatives of the beneficiaries and the IFIs
Co-chairmen of the Project Financiers Group
Questions and Answers</i> |

15:00 – 15:30 **Project for discussion: Private Sector development project**
Representatives of the beneficiaries, EC and the IFIs
Questions and Answers

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 16:45 **Reporting on the implementation of approved projects**
Co-chairmen of the Project Financiers Group
IPF Consultant
Questions and Answers

after the meeting
17:30 **Social event organised by the EWBJF co-chairmen**
(see attached note on practical information)
Buses leave at the front of the hotel at 17:30 sharp

Friday, 24 June 2010

Co-chairmen: Margit F. Tveiten, Norway
Mr Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, European Commission

9:00 – 10:00 **Role of WBIF in Promoting Accession and Investments in the social sector**
Mr. Leon Herrera, EU Director, Council of Europe Development Bank
Mr. Jane Armitage, Country Director and Regional Coordinator for SEE, World Bank
Questions and Answers

10:00 – 10:20 **Presentation of the Norwegian support for socio-economic development in the Western Balkans**
Mr. Olav Reinertsen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Questions and Answers

10:20 – 10:50 Break

10:50 - 12:00 **WBIF Review. Status of the implementation and discussion on key issues arising during the last Steering Committee.**
Co-chairmen of the Steering Committee
Mr Romualdo Massa Bernucci, Director Adriatic Sea Department - Lending Operations in Europe, EIB
Mr. Claudio Viezzoli, Director, Western Balkans, EBRD
Mr. Leon Herrera, EU Director, Council of Europe Development Bank
Questions and Answers

12:00 – 12:30 **Conclusions and recommendations including funding of the WBIF**
Information on Donor Contributions and Pledges

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch and departure

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Accommodation

Rooms have been prebooked for participants at the Hotel Scandic Hamar from 22 – 24 June. You do not have to book directly the hotel for the SC. We cannot guarantee the availability of rooms after 22 May 2011, the deadline for registration. The costs of accommodation are payable directly to the hotel.

Price for a single room NOK 1,210 per night (appr. €150)

Price for a double room NOK 1,410 per night (appr. €175)

If you have any questions regarding accommodation, please contact Gyro Conference AS and not the hotel, by sending an e-mail to wbif@gyro.no or by phone +47 6128 7320/mobile +47 9752 8417.

Social event

After the meetings on Thursday 23rd May, the Norwegian host will organise a social event and dinner for all the participants. Important! Informal dress code. Buses will leave from the front of the hotel at 17:30. There will be a concert (30 mins.) in an old cathedral by the lake Mjøsa, followed by dinner at “Skibladner”, the world's oldest preserved paddle steamer. Salmon and strawberries will be served for dinner, so please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements by sending an e-mail to wbif@gyro.no or by phone +47 6128 7320 / mobile: +47 9752 8417.

For more information about the old cathedral, please visit the website:

<http://www.google.no/search?q=hamardomen&hl=no&prmd=ivns&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=CVCCtDyRCMbcsgaD8JDIBg&ved=0CDUQsAQ&biw=1020&bih=583>

For more information about "Skibladner", please visit the website:

<http://www.skibladner.no/engelsk/index.htm>

How to reach Hamar from Oslo Airport Gardermoen

The train station (Oslo Airport Gardermoen) is located at the airport (2 minutes walk), floor below the arrival hall. Please take a train in direction Lillehammer or Trondheim (**not in direction Oslo**) to get to Hamar from the airport. The train leaves once every hour from Gardermoen and the trip takes approximately one hour. The price is NOK 153 (appr. €20) per person one way.

In Hamar, taxi is the most suitable way to go to the Scandic Hotel. The price will be around 15 €

For the departure for the train station on Friday 24 June, taxis will be pre-booked (but not pre-paid) and wait outside the hotel as from 13:30.