

Sixth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee
Ministry of Finance
Hintere Zollamtsstrasse 2b
A-1030 Vienna, Austria
Draft Agenda

Co-Chairs:

Edith Frauwallner Deputy-Director General, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Day One: Thursday 14 June 2012

- 8:30 – 9:00** **Welcome coffee and registration**
- 9:00 – 9:30** **Welcoming Remarks**
Maria Fekter, Minister of Finance, Austria
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG Enlargement, European Commission
- 9:30 – 11.00** **Update on Economic Developments in the Region: Macro-Economic Outlook & Implications for WBIF**
Professor Paul Bernd Spahn, Senior Expert, IFI Coordination office and Professor Emeritus of Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Naida Čaršimamović Vukotić, Expert, IFI Coordination office
Carole Garnier, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)
Questions and Answers
- 11.00 – 11.30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:15** **Evolution of IPA – Briefing on Proposals to Adapt IPA for the 2014-2020 Financial Perspective and Implications for WBIF**
Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG Enlargement, European Commission
Questions and Answers

12:15 – 13:00 **Implementing the Danube Strategy - The Role of the WBIF**

Colin Wolfe, DG Regional Policy (REGIO)

13:00 – 14:30 **BUFFET LUNCH**

14:30 – 16:15 **Investment Projects submitted for approval under Round 7**

Representatives of the Beneficiary countries and the IFIs

Christos Gofas, DG Enlargement, Richard Jones, EBRD

Co-Chairs of the Project Financiers Group

Questions and Answers

16.15-16.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.45 – 18.00 **Investment and Sectoral Study Projects submitted for approval under Round 7**

Representatives of Regional Sectoral Organisations and IFIs

Christos Gofas, DG Enlargement, Richard Jones, EBRD

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Questions and Answers

18.00 **CLOSE OF DAY 1**

18.30 **EVENING EVENT**

Hosted by the Ministry of Finance of Austria

Buses will leave directly from meeting venue

Day Two: Friday 15 June 2012

09.30-.11.00 **WBIF to Date – Views of Beneficiaries and Donors**

Select Achievements and Impact to Date

National IPA Coordinators

Update on Individual Donors' Strategies for Assistance to the Western Balkans & Relevance of WBIF to Assistance Programmes

Austrian Ministry of Finance

Donors

Questions and Answers

11.00 – 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 12.00 Stimulating Private Sector Development

Information on Targets and Deadlines to be Agreed by Western Balkan Governments under the SEE Investment Committee

Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

12.00 – 12.30 EDIF – Western Balkan Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility

Update on Progress in Establishing the 1st PSD Initiative under the WBIF

EIB, EIF, EBRD and EC

Questions and Answers

12.30 - 13.00 Conclusions and Recommendations

Edith Frauwallner, Deputy-Director General, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director DG Enlargement, European Commission

13.00 CLOSE OF MEETING & BUFFET LUNCH