



23rd MEETING OF THE WBIF STEERING COMMITTEE

DRAFT AGENDA

10 – 11 December 2020 (virtual meeting)

10 December: WBIF SC Session A: Policy and Strategy

08:00	-	09:00	Registration to online platform
			Welcoming remarks
09:00		09:30	<i>WBIF SC Co-chairs: Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director-General, DG NEAR and Harald Waiglein, Director General for Economic Policy, Financial Markets & Customs Duties, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria</i> <i>PFG Co-Chair: Rolf Wenzel, Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank</i>
09:30	-	10:15	The Economic Investment Plan for the Western Balkans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short introductory video• Keynote speech <i>Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi</i> Reaction from the Western Balkans partners: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.
10:15	-	10:45	Coffee break
10:45	-	11:30	Overview of developments in the region <i>Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director Western Balkans, DG NEAR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q&A
11:30	-	11:45	Statement by WBIF SC Co-chair Austria <i>Elisabeth Gruber, Head of Department for International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria</i>
11:45	-	12:30	The Economic Investment Plan for the Western Balkans (II) Discussion moderated by <i>Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director-General, DG NEAR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Commission perspective on key aspects for success of the EIP by <i>Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director, DG NEAR</i>• Reaction from financial institutions: AfD, CEB, EBRD, EIB, EIF, IFC, KfW, WB.
12:30		13:00	WBIF transition to IPA III <i>Katarína Mathernová, DDG, DG NEAR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments of WBIF partners
13:00	-		AOB

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11 December: WBIF SC Session B “Infrastructure” and Session C “Private Sector Development”

WBIF SC Session B “Infrastructure”

- 08:00 - 09:00 **Registration to online platform**
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcoming remarks**
Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission
Elisabeth Gruber, WBIF SC Co-Chair, Head of Department for International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
Stephan Sellen, Deputy Director General, Loans&Social Development, CEB
- 09:15 - 09:30 **Status update European Western Balkans Joint Fund**
Camilla Otto, Director Donor Co-financing
Pledges from the Bilateral Donors
Elisabeth Gruber, WBIF SC Co-Chair, Austria
- 9:30 - 10:00 **WBIF Project En-bloc Approval Session TA Round 24 and INV Round 05**
Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Technical Updates / Next Rounds**
 - Eligibility Criteria for the TA Round 25 and INV Round 6
 - Time schedule
 - Speeding up procedures (Action Plan tackling Delays)*Michael Vögele, Head of Sector, DG NEAR*
- 10:30 - 10:45 **AOB**
 - Written procedures
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Coffee break**

WBIF SC Session C “Private Sector Development”

- 11:00 - 11:15 **Welcoming Remarks, Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes**
Colin Wolfe, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission
Elisabeth Gruber, WBIF SC Co-Chair, Head of Department for International Financial Institutions, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
Marco Marrone, Departmental Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund
- 11:15 - 11:45 **COVID-19 response under the WB EDIF in the context of Team Europe - schedule of implementation package**
DG NEAR; IFIs
Discussion

- 11:45 - 12:30 **The Green for Growth Fund (GGF) in the light of the Green Agenda: Crowding-in private sector financing in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.**
Lloyd Stevens, Finance in Motion Director, GGF Investment Management
- 12:30 - 13:00 **Presentation of the regular updates on Financial Instruments and Support Services**
- Financial Instruments – *Marco Giuliani, EIF, WB EDIF coordination*
 - Support Services – *Enrica Chiozza, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- 13:00 - 13:30 **WB EDIF Overview from Coordinator**
- Other visibility actions - *Amy Cirje, EIF, WB EDIF coordination*

End of meeting