



WBIF transition to IPA III State of Play

WBIF 30th PFG (virtual), 10 – 11 Nov 2020





WBIF transition to IPA III / Context

- 21st WBIF SC adopted so-called WBIF 2.0 recommendations/Dec 2019;
- Reactivation of the WBIF Working Group in Jan 2020/first half 2020;
 - Updated the WBIF Vademecum & Guide for WBIF;
 - Addressed „open“ recommendations, e.g. IAS audit, IPF evaluation;
- Second half 2020: WBIF Working Group was charged to assist WBIF's transition to full compliance under IPA III;
 - WBIF stakeholders submitted concerns, views, comments / mid September 2020;
 - Comments were grouped, analysed and disseminated;
 - Further discussed at first virtual WBIF WG meeting (2 October 2020);
 - Comments received, summary and background note disseminated, workstreams identified;
- Delays in TRILOG discussions on next Multiannual Financial Framework;
- Resulted in delays for the Working Group's activities.



Main Discussion Points

- Overall governance structure;
- Membership to Boards;
- Decision making on grant applications;
- Workload and efficiency / capacity constraints;
- Modalities of guarantee facility.



Road Map for WBIF transition

- Further identification and allocation of workstreams / November 2020;
- Dissemination of relevant information along MFF TRILOG discussions;
- Principles of architecture presented to 23rd WBIF SC / December 2020;
- Working Group resumes in January 2021 and addresses workstreams;
- Finalisation new Rules of Procedure March / April 2021;
- Adoption new Rules of Procedure at 24th WBIF SC meeting / June 202.



WBIF Transition “Workstreams”

- Board Membership
- Decision making for blending operations
- Decision making for guarantee operations
- Grant approval procedures – possible efficiency gains
- Efficient monitoring and reporting
- Addressing implementation delays
- Capacity building / support beneficiary administrations
- Eligibility criteria for TA & INV co-financing
- Communication and Visibility
- Creation of unified support structures
- WBIF Secretariat Guidelines for IPF