



# PFG Operational Issues



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*Enlargement  
Negotiations*



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- *Digital Infrastructure*
- *Update INV Rd 03*
- *PFG Co-chair & meeting location*



# Digital Infrastructure under WBIF

- *WB6 summit in Trieste (July 2017): Prime Ministers endorsed a multi-annual action plan for digital development as part of the "Regional Economic Area";*
- *Key policy areas of this digital action plan:*
  - broadband connectivity;
  - cyber security;
  - eSkills;
  - digitisation of industry.

# Digital Infrastructure under WBIF

- *Question of eligibility under WBIF?*
- *Background paper to 24<sup>th</sup> PFG;*
- *Deliberations of 24<sup>th</sup> PFG:*
  - Overwhelmingly positive;
  - Questions of funding;
  - Restrict to TA (initially);
- *Submission to 17<sup>th</sup> WBIF SC for adoption.*



## Update INV Rd 03

- *Round 03 launched at 16<sup>th</sup> WBIF SC in Stockholm;*
- *Submission d/I 30 November 17;*
- *IFI Endorsement d/I 31 January 2018;*
- *Screening and assessment with first review at 25<sup>th</sup> PFG / 25 – 26 April (Skopje);*
- *Summit in Sofia / Bulgaria 14 – 15 May;*
- *WB6 summit in London, July*

# Update INV Rd 03

- *14 GAFs submitted;*
- *Total grant request: € ≈ 234,6 M, split into:*
  - *TA components: € 19,4 M;*
  - *€ 215,2 M in INV grant);*
- *Sectors: TRA 8, ENE 1, ENV 5;*
- *Beneficiary: ALB 1, BiH 4, KOS 0, MKD 2, MNE 4, SRB 3;*
- *Plus: positively screened & assessed GAFs from INV Rd 02;*
- *Competition over available funds: high quality GAF and highest priority.*



# PFG Co-chair and PFG meetings

## *PFG Co-chair:*

- *duration extended from 6 to 12 months;*
- *Incoming PFG co-chair for 2018: EIB*

## *PFG location:*

- *Spring PFG location: in region, order: Skopje 2018, Tirana 2019, Belgrade 2020;*
- *November PFG location: Brussels.*



**Thank You!**