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Ninth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee
Hosted by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
One Exchange Square, London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom

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Agenda

Co-Chairs:

Natalia Karageorgou, Head of EU External Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, DG Enlargement, European Commission

8:30 – 9:00 **Welcome coffee and registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

András Simor, Vice President, Policy, EBRD

Natalia Karageorgou, Head of EU External Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

9:30 – 09.45 **Key Policy Developments in the Western Balkan – The SEE 2020 Strategy**

Goran Svilanović, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)

09.45 – 10.15 **Key trends in the Economic Environment**

Peter Sanfey, Office of the Chief Economist, EBRD

10.15 – 11.15 **Evolution of the WBIF (I)**

Presentation of the Interim report from the Task Force on the evolution of WBIF,
Olav Reinertsen, Head of WBIF Secretariat, European Commission

- Update on Detailed Review of the WBIF Pipeline, *Jeremy Lazenby, IPF 1*

11.15 – 11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45 - 13.00 **Evolution of the WBIF (II)**

- Preliminary overview of the potential to increase the use of PPPs under the WBIF, *Mary O'Mahony, IFI CO*

- WBIF Structures and Procedures, *Olav Reinertsen, Head of WBIF Secretariat, European Commission*

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00 Investment Projects & Sectoral Studies submitted for approval under Round 10

DG Enlargement and George Holroyd, EBRD, Co-Chairs of the Project Financiers Group

Representatives of the Beneficiaries and the IFIs

Discussion

16.00 – 16.20 Preparations for the 11th Call for Proposals under WBIF

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

Discussion

16.20- 16.40 COFFEE BREAK

16.40 – 17:10 Project Financiers Group – Annual Report 2013, Proposed Work Programme 2014 and WBIF Resources

DG Enlargement and George Holroyd, EBRD, Co-Chairs of the Project Financiers Group

17.10 - 17.30 Brief Update on EDIF and REEP

EIF

EBRD

17:30 – 17.45 Chairmanship of the WBIF SC for 2014

17:45 - 18:00 Conclusions and Recommendations

Natalia Karageorgou, Head of EU External Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, European Commission

18.00 CLOSE OF MEETING