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## Twenty-first Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee hosted by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

London, United Kingdom / 16 – 17 December 2019

### Agenda (updated)

<b>Note to participants</b>	16 December	14:00 – 18:15	Policy and Strategy Session
		19:00	Evening Event
	17 December	09:00 – 13:00	Infrastructure Session
		14:00 – 18:00	Private Sector Development Session

**Participants:** European Commission (DG NEAR, other DGs), IFIs, Bilateral Donors, Beneficiaries, TCS, ECS, RCC, EIF, OECD, WB EDIF, WBIF Secretariat and IFICO

**Observers:** JASPERS, IPFs, CONNECTA

**Venues:** Meetings: Board Room, 10th Floor, EBRD Headquarters, One Exchange Square, London EC2A 2JN  
Evening event: London Transport Museum, Covent Garden Piazza

#### Day 1 / 16 December

#### Policy & Strategy Session

- Co-Chairs:** *Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission*  
*Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance & Mr. Thomas Motak, Federal Foreign Office, both Germany*
- Host:** *Mr. Pierre Heilbronn, Vice President, Policy & Partnerships, EBRD*
- 13:30 - 14:00 Registration at Venue**
- 14:00 - 14:30 Welcome**  
*Mr. Pierre Heilbronn, Vice President, Policy & Partnerships, EBRD*  
*Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission*  
*Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance Germany & Mr. Thomas Motak, Federal Foreign Office, Germany*
- Video - Investing in Regional Connectivity – The Transport Sector**
- 14:30 - 15:15 Economic Reform Programmes and EU Guarantee Instruments**  
*Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission*  
Reactions from the NIPACs and general discussion
- 15:15 - 16:30 EU Green Deal and Perspectives for the Western Balkans**  
*Mrs. Elina Bardram, Head of Unit, DG CLIMA, European Commission*  
Reactions from IFIs:
- *Mr. Josue Tanaka, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency & Climate Change EBRD*
  - *Mr. Christoph Kuhn, Director of Mandate Management Department, EIB*
  - *Mr. Christoph Tiskens, Director Southeast Europe and Turkey, KfW*
  - *Mr. Stephan Sellen, Deputy Director General, Loans and Social Development, CEB*

Response from NIPACs and Discussion

**Moderator:** *Mrs. Katarína Mathernová, DG NEAR, European Commission*

- 16:30 - 17:00 Coffee Break & Group Photo**
- 17:00 - 17:45 Western Balkans – State of Play**  
*Mrs. Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director, Western Balkans, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- 17:45 - 18:00 Polish Chairmanship of the Berlin Process**  
*Mr. Wiesław Tarka, Ambassador for the Coordination of the Berlin Process*
- 18:00 - 18:15 AOB**
- 19:00 Evening Event** London Transport Museum  
Covent Garden Piazza, transportation to evening event from EBRD at 18:30.

**Day 2 / 17 December (morning)**  
**Sector Session I - Infrastructure**

<b>08:30</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Registration at Venue</b>
<b>09:00</b>	<b>- 09:15</b>	<b>Welcoming Remarks and Adoption of the Agenda</b> <i>Mrs. Charlotte Ruhe, Managing Director Central and South Eastern Europe, EBRD</i> <i>Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>
<b>09:15</b>	<b>- 10:00</b>	<b>Climate Finance</b> <i>Mrs. Susan Goeransson, Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Group, EBRD</i>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>- 10:30</b>	<b>WBIF 2.0 Recommendations for Approval</b> <i>Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>- 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>- 11:30</b>	<b>Update National Investment Committee (NIC) / Single Project Pipeline (SPP) in Western Balkans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NIC / SPP qualitative assessment</li><li>• Update Connectivity GAP analysis</li><li>• Interventions from beneficiaries</li></ul> <i>Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR</i>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>- 11:45</b>	<b>Update by Bilateral Donors: Priorities, Co-chair for 2020 &amp; Pledges</b> <i>WBIF SC Co-chair Mrs. Sabrina Brabetz, Federal Ministry of Finance Germany &amp; Mr. Thomas Motak, Federal Foreign Office, Germany</i>
<b>11:45</b>	<b>- 12:30</b>	<b>Project Approval Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status update European Western Balkans Joint Fund</li></ul> <i>Mrs. Camilla Otto, Director, Donor Co-Financing, EBRD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• En-bloc approval TA Round 22 and INV Round 04, including the Poznan Package</li><li>• Launch of TA Round 23</li></ul> <i>Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR, European Commission</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>- 12:45</b>	<b>Monitoring Report and WBIF Secretariat Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitoring Report</li><li>• Communication and Visibility</li><li>• Dates &amp; Venues 2020</li><li>• Written procedures</li></ul> <i>Mrs. Stine Andresen, Head of WBIF Secretariat</i>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>- 13:00</b>	<b>AOB</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>- 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

**17 December (afternoon)**  
**Sector Session II - Private Sector**

- 13:30 - 14:00 Registration at Venue**
- 14:00 - 14:15 Welcoming Remarks, Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes**  
*Mr. Claudio Viezzoli, Managing Director, SME Finance & Development, EBRD*  
*Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission*  
*Mr. Marco Marone, Deputy Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund*
- Video - EDIF**
- 14:15 - 15:30 Addressing MSMEs Financing Needs through Diversification of Financial Systems**  
*Mr. Mario Guadamillas, Practice Manager, World Bank Group*  
*Mr. Matija Laco, World Bank Group*  
Reactions from the IFIs and discussion:  
*Mr. Markus Aschendorf, Head of Division Financial Sector & Economic Development Southeast Europe and Turkey, KfW*  
*Mr. Philippe Bernard-Treille, Senior Investment Manager, EIF*  
*Mr. Henry Russell, Director, Financial Institutions in Western Balkans, EBRD*
- Moderator: Mr. Marco Marone, Deputy Director Mandate Management, EIF**
- 15:30 - 16:00 WBIF 2.0 Recommendations for Approval**  
*Mr. Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- 16:00 - 16:20 Coffee break**
- 16:20 - 17:20 Presentation and Endorsement of New Proposals**
- ENIF II
  - ENEF II
- Mr. Marco Giuliani, EIF*  
*Mr. Nikolay Angelov, Senior Banker, SME F&D team, EBRD*  
Discussion
- 17:20 - 17:35 Presentation of the Updates on Financial Instruments and Support Services**  
*Mr. Marco Giuliani, EIF, WB EDIF coordination*  
*Mr. Michael Vögele, DG NEAR, European Commission*
- 17:35 - 17:45 WB EDIF Overview from Coordinator, Annual Communications Plan**
- Review of visibility & communication in 2019
  - Key visibility events in 2020
- Mrs. Nina Mazgan Caddeo, EIF, WB EDIF coordination*
- 17:45 - 18:00 AOB**