



26th MEETING OF THE WBIF PROJECT FINANCIERS' GROUP

AGENDA

07 November 2018, Brussels

Note to participants	06 November <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 14:00 – 17:00 2nd Paris Group @ IFICO premises¹- 16:00 – 18:30 WBIF Bilateral Donors meetings @ IFICO premises²- 19:00 evening event at Ginette bar (Place Luxembourg) 07 November <ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning: (closed) project oriented session- lunch (all invited)- afternoon: (open) policy and strategy session
PFG venue	EC venue, Rue de la Loi 102, Brussels
Participants	PG and PFG morning session restricted. ³ Evening event, lunch and the afternoon session are open for all.

07 November: Morning (closed) Project Oriented Session

09:00 - 09:15	Welcoming remarks and introduction <i>PFG co-chairs: Wolfgang Schläger, Head of Sector, DG NEAR and Massimo Cingolani, EIB</i>
09:15 - 10:30	Screening and assessment of TA Round 20 Projects <i>PFG Co-chairs & IFIs</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:00	Screening and assessment of TA Round 20 Projects (cont.) <i>PFG Co-chairs & IFIs</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Status update INV Rounds <i>Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR</i>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch <i>all PFG participants are invited</i>

¹ PG meeting at ground floor (next to main entrance).

² BD meeting at the 3rd floor, go to reception and ask for the WBIF meeting room if no IFICO representative is near you. The meeting room is booked from 15:00. See logistics note for address and other details.

³ Participation is restricted to DG NEAR, Bilateral Donors, IFIs, selected IFICO and IPF representatives (both TL and DTLs can participate as observers i.e. they are not invited to take the floor. Project Managers or Directors can also attend as observers).

Afternoon (open) Policy and Strategy Session

- 14:00 - 14:05 **Welcoming remarks**
PFG co-chairs, Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG NEAR and Massimo Cingolani, EIB
- 14:05 - 14:30 **WBIF technical updates**
- Presentation draft Monitoring Report
Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat / Steven vd Touw, IFICO
 - Status update: Joint Fund Balance
Caroline Clarkson, EBRD
- 14:30 - 15:15 **WBIF Strategic updates and future developments**
- Update on DG NEAR policy for WBs
Wolfgang Schläger, DG NEAR
 - WBIF Self-assessment: update, discussion and next steps
Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat
 - Conceptual rationalisation of WBIF
Massimo Cingolani, EIB
- 15:15 - 15:45 **Western Balkans Guarantee Facility: ex-ante market assessment**
Thomas Adams, DG NEAR; Hubert Warsmann, IPF7
- 15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Other initiatives relevant for WBIF**
- Update of JASPERS activities in the Western Balkans
Markus Pfeiffer, JASPERS
 - Update on Connecta
Chris Germanacos, TL CONNECTA
- 16:30 - 16:45 **Bilateral Donor update**
Sylvain Geranton, MEF France
- 16:45 - 17:15 **WBIF Secretariat Updates**
- Presentation of funding needs (GAP) analysis
 - NIC report
 - Youth Education Sector Study
 - Communication & Visibility
Stine Andresen, WBIF Secretariat
- 17:15 - 17:30 **AOB & Concluding remarks**