

Eastern Partnership for Growth

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Draft Programme

9.00-10.00 **Welcome coffee and registration**

10.00-10.45 **Opening session**

Welcome address: **Maria Fekter**, Minister of Finance, Austria
Opening speech: **Werner Hoyer**, President, European Investment Bank

10.45-12.30 **Panel I: Regional economic prospects and priorities**

Moderator: **Stefan Wagstyl**, Emerging Markets Editor, Financial Times

Keynote address: **Wilhelm Molterer**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Panellists:

- **Petro Poroshenko***, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Ukraine
- **Vardan Aramyan**, Deputy Minister of Finance, Republic of Armenia
- **Dimitri Gvindadze**, Minister of Finance, Republic of Georgia
- **Veaceslav Negruță**, Minister of Finance, Republic of Moldova

Questions & Answers

12.30-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-15.30 **Panel II: Local private sector development**

Moderator: **Debora Revoltella**, Director, Economics Department, European Investment Bank

Panellists:

- **Herman Gref***, Chairman, Sberbank Russia
- **Gianni Franco Papa**, Head of CEE Division, UniCredit

This session will look at the economic situation of the countries, national policies and investment priorities to be followed by interactive discussion.

Topics for discussion:

- What do Ministers expect of enhanced cooperation with the European Investment Bank (EIB) within the Eastern Partnership?
- What are the key factors for this cooperation to be successful? Long term funding, expertise, closer association with the EU, catalyst role of the EIB?

In this panel, banks and companies active in the region will be invited to share their experiences and views on upcoming trends and

- **Martin Godemann**, Group Finance Manager, ProCredit Holding AG
- **Maximilian Egger**, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Ukraine
- **Franz J. Hiesinger**, Chief Financial Officer, Europe & International Division, Mondi Group
- **Viktor Ivanchyk***, Chief Executive Officer, Astarta-Kyiv

Questions & Answers

opportunities.

Topics for discussion:

- What are the conditions for banks to lend more to corporates and SMEs and for companies to access finance for good projects?
- Is the region different from other CEE countries and what can IFIs and especially the EIB do to further local private sector development?

15.30-16.00

Coffee break

16.00-17.30

Panel III: Infrastructure for Economic Development

Moderator:

Joachim Link, Director, Lending Operations in Eastern Neighbours, Southern Caucasus, Central Asia, European Investment Bank

Panellists:

- **Aleksandr Bakhtamyan**, Director, "Transport programmes Implementation Unit" State Entity, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Republic of Armenia
- **Volodymyr Demishkan**, Chairman, State Road Administration (Ukravtodor), Ukraine
- **Andrzej Massel**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Maritime Economy, Poland
- **Dorin Chirtoaca**, Mayor of Chisinau Municipality, Republic of Moldova
- **Anton Kovačev**, President of the Managing Board, HBOR (Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
- **High level representative** of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure*, Georgia

This session will take a look at the needs and challenges of the Eastern Partner Countries in the infrastructure sector and their experience with the European Investment Bank to-date.

Topics for discussion:

- What are the specific infrastructure needs for the region?
- What is needed to improve project development and implementation and how can the EIB (IFIs) help in that respect?

Questions & Answers

17.30

Closing remarks

Ewald Nowotny, Governor, National Bank of Austria; Honorary Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Conclusions

Anton Rop, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

18.00

Cocktail reception

** to be confirmed*

The Conference languages will be English and Russian

The Conference will be moderated by Stefan Wagstyl, Emerging Markets Editor, Financial Times

Conference documents

Discussion documents prepared by the speakers will be posted on the conference website (www.eib.org/events) and may be consulted after the conference.

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