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# Conference on Donor Co-ordination in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Organised by the Government of Albania,  
Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination  
and  
the European Commission, DG ENLARGEMENT

Venue:

HOTEL SHERATON  
SHESHI ITALIA

Tirana, Albania  
2 - 3 April 2009

Co-Chaired by:

Mrs. Albana Vokshi, Director, Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination,  
Government of Albania

and

Mr. Timo Summa, Director, Financial Instruments and Regional Programmes,  
Directorate General for Enlargement, European Commission

## THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2009

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:45 OPENING

- Welcome:

*H.E. Mr. Genc Pollo, Deputy Prime Minister of Albania and H.E. Mr. Helmuth Lohan, Head of EC Delegation, Albania*

- Keynote address:

*H.E. Mr. Sali Berisha, Prime Minister, Government of Albania*

*H.E. Ms. Marketa Fialkova, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Albania, on behalf of the Czech Presidency of the EU*

*Mr. Michael Leigh, Director General for Enlargement*

09:45 – 11:00 DONOR COORDINATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY, PART I

- Challenges, progress and plans for enhancing donor coordination, the potential candidates:

### Albania

*Mrs. Albana Vokshi, Director of DSDC, Council of Ministers*

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Mrs. Dušanka Basta, Assistant Minister, Sector for the Coordination of the International Economic Aid, BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury*

### Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/99

*Mr. Edon Cana, Chef Executive Officer of the Agency for Coordination of Development and European Integration*

### Montenegro

*Aleksandar Drljević, Head of Sector, Secretariat for European Integration, Sector for Coordination of Donor Assistance*

### Serbia

*Mrs. Gordana Lazarevic, Assistant Minister, Sector of Programming and Management of EU Funds and Development Assistance*

- Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15 DONOR COORDINATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY, PART II

- Challenges, progress and plans for enhancing donor coordination, the candidate countries:

### Croatia

*Ms. Vladimira Ivandić, Director of the Directorate of the European Integration and International Financial Relations, Ministry of Finance*

### former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

*Mr. Pero Dimsoski, State Secretary*

### Turkey

*Mr. Özgür Pehlivan, Deputy Director General of Foreign Economic Relations, Undersecretariat of Turkish Treasury*

- Ad Hoc Report on Donor Coordination  
*Dr. Martin White, MWH Consortium*
- Discussion

**12:15 – 13:00**     **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND DATA COLLECTION**

- Fiscal policies in the view of improving effectiveness on resource orientation  
*H.E. Mr. Ridvan Bode, Minister of Finance, Albania*
- Nature and size of expected donor and IFIs commitments, Report on donor pooling  
*Mr. Ollivier Bodin, International Aid Coordinator, European Commission, DG Enlargement*
- Discussion

**13:00 – 14:30**     **Buffet lunch**

**14:30 – 15:30**     **ALIGNING DONOR ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRY PRIORITIES**

- European Integration as a cornerstone of strategic planning and donor assistance alignment  
*H.E. Mrs. Majlinda Bregu, Minister of European Integration, Government of Albania*
- Harmonisation of Assistance and division of labour  
*Mr. André Lys, Head of Unit Financial Instruments and Contracts, DG Enlargement*
- A Road Map to implementing Fast Track Initiative in Albania  
*H.E Mr. Saba d'Elia, Ambassador of Italy to Tirana*
- The Norwegian experience  
*Mr. Tobias Svenningsen, Assistant General Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway*
- Discussion

**15:30 – 16:00**     **Coffee break**

**16:00 – 17:30**     **TOOLS FOR BETTER FINANCIAL COOPERATION AMONG DONORS**

- Delegated Co-operation  
*Mr. Andre Lys, Head of Unit Financial Instruments and Contracts, DG Enlargement*
- Best experiences and lessons learnt in the government – donor cooperation to foster economic development in Albania  
*H.E. Mr. Genc Ruli, Minister of Economy, Trade and Energy, Government of Albania*
- Land cadastre reform funding in Croatia  
*Ms. Tifani Šimunović Boban, Central State Office for Development Strategy and Coordination of EU Funds*
- Public Administration Reform Fund in Bosnia and Herzegovina  
*Ms. Aneta Raic, Public Administration Coordinator's Office, Head of Unit*
- Aid management systems  
*Mr. Spiros Voyadsis, Development Gateway*
- Discussion

**19:30**                 **Conference dinner at the invitation of the Government of Albania**

## FRIDAY, 3 APRIL 2009

### 09:00 – 10:30 *WORKING GROUP SESSIONS*

- *Working Group EDUCATION*

Chair: Mr. Henrik Faudel, *European Training Foundation*

Speakers:

Mr. Halit Shamata, *Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Albania*

Ms. Ulla Andren, *SIDA*

Mr. Mladen Dragasevic, *Regional Cooperation Council*

Ms. Sandra Bloemenkamp, *World Bank*

Mr. Tobias Svenningsen, *Assistant General Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway*

- *Working Group ENVIRONMENT*

Chair: Ms. Anne Burrill, *European Commission, DG Environment*

Speakers:

Mr. Taulant Bino, *Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Water Management, Albania*

Mr. Cristian Melis, *Ministry of Environment, Italy*

Ms. Mira Medić, *Ministry of Environment, Croatia*

Mrs. Camille Nuamah, *WB Country Representative, Albania*

- *Working Group TRANSPORT*

Chair: Mr. Erich Unterwurzacher, *European Commission, DG Regional Policy*

Speakers:

Mr. Stavri Ristani, *Deputy Minister of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication, Albania*

Mr. Francois Begeot, *European Commission, DG Transport*

Dr. Kujtim Hashorva, *SEETO Steering Committee Chairman and Director of Road Transport Policy Directorate, Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication, Albania*

Mr. Flavio Lovisolo, *Director, Development Cooperation Office, Embassy of Italy in Tirana*

Mr. Engin Goksu, *EBRD, Senior Manager, Official Co-financing Unit*

### 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

### 11:00 – 11:30 *WORKING GROUP CONCLUSIONS*

### 11:30 – 12:30 *PLENARY SESSION*

- Report by the Working Groups
- Discussion

### 12:30 – 13:00 *CONCLUSIONS AND WAY FORWARD*

- Mrs. Albana Vokshi and Mr. Timo Summa, co-chairs
- CLOSING REMARKS  
*H.E. Mr. Genc Pollo, Deputy Prime Minister, Albania*

### 13:00 – 14:30 *Buffet lunch*

### 15:00 *City tour to Tirana and Kruja*