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Third Regional Conference on Public Internal Financial Control for Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates

Agenda

Implementing Financial Management and Control: Challenges and Successes

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Objective the Third Regional Conference on PIFC

On 27-29 October 2010 the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia and SIGMA organised the first Regional PIFC Conference for Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates in Zagreb, Croatia. The second Conference took place in Portoroz, Slovenia, 21-23 September 2011. During these two Conferences many aspects of the three pillars of PIFC -- Financial Management and Control, Internal Audit and CHU -- were discussed, and lessons learned from the introduction and implementation of PIFC in the new Member States and Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates.

The objective of the **Third Regional PIFC Conference for Candidate Countries and Potential Candidates** is:

“to provide the participants with good practices for the implementation of the Financial Management and Control pillar of PIFC”.

We hope that this third Conference will give a further boost to the development of PIFC in the Western Balkan countries and Turkey. Participants are encouraged to share experiences and ask questions or challenge conclusions during the discussions. The Conference will also provide participants with the opportunity to meet informally to compare national experiences and discuss specific issues among peers.

The Conference is supported by the European Commission's DG Budget PIFC Unit, headed by Robert Giellisse.

On behalf of the Ministry of Finance of Turkey and the Public Finance and Audit team of SIGMA we wish you a fruitful and pleasant Conference in Ankara.

Brian Finn, Senior Adviser, OECD/SIGMA, Paris

Monday, 3 June

20.00-22.00 Welcome Cocktail and Buffet Dinner hosted by SIGMA

Tuesday, 4 June

08.30-09.30 Registration

09.30-10.15 Opening by Chairman of the Conference, **Mr François-Roger Cazala**, Senior Magistrate, Court of Accounts, France

Introductory Statements

Ms Karen HILL, Head of Programme, OECD-SIGMA

Mr Jean-Maurice RIPERT, Head of the EU Delegation to Turkey

Mr Egemen BAĞIŞ, Minister for EU Affairs, Turkey

Mr Mehmet ŞİMŞEK, Minister, Ministry of Finance, Turkey

10.15-10.30 Group Photo

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-11.30 Keynote Speeches

Mr Isa COŞKUN, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Finance, Turkey, EU Permanent Contact Point

Mr Robert GIELISSE, CIA, CGAP, Head of PIFC Department, DG Budget, European Commission

11.30-12.00 **Presentation by Mr Noel Hepworth, SIGMA Expert**

Development of FMC strategy, with Focus on Implementation from the Perspective of a CHU

12.00-12.15 Questions and Answers

12.15-12.35 **Presentation by Croatia, Ms Danijela Stepic, former Head of CHU, SIGMA Expert**

Experience of Developing and Implementing FMC in the Context of EU Accession

12.35-12.50 Questions and Answers

12.50-14.00	Lunch
14.00-14.20	Presentation by Albania, Ms Anila Cili, Head of CHU-FMC Success in and Barriers to the Implementation of FMC Reform
14.20-14.35	Questions and Answers
14.35-14.55	Presentation by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mr Viktor Gjorcev, Head of IA Unit, Ministry of Finance FMC Challenges and Progress made in FMC
14.55-15.10	Questions and Answers
15.10-15.40	Coffee Break
15.40-16.00	Presentation by Turkey, Mr Mehmet Bülbül, Head of CHU-FMC Implementation of FMC (Action Plan for Internal Control Standards)
16.00-16.15	Questions and Answers
16.15-16.45	Close of Day 1
19.00	Dinner hosted by the Turkish Ministry of Finance

Wednesday, 5 June

09.15-09.30	Review of Day 1 by Chairman
09.30-10.00	Presentation by Mr Klas Klaas, Senior Adviser, SIGMA FMC within Overall Public Administration Reforms
10.00-10.15	Questions and Answers
10.15-10.45	Coffee Break
10.45-12.30	Panel Discussion on the Latest Developments in FMC and the Key Factors in Successful Development and Implementation Panel: Mr Robert Gielisse, Mr Noel Hepworth, Ms Ana Krsmanović, Ms Bianca Brétéché
12.30-13.45	Lunch

13.45-14.00	Presentation by Mr Brian Finn, Senior Adviser, SIGMA Results of the Survey
14.00-17.00	Three Working Group Discussions on the Key Issues Raised in the Survey
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break
17.00-17.10	Close of Day 2
19.00	Dinner hosted by Turkish Ministry of Finance

Thursday, 6 June

09.15-09.30	Review of Day 2 by Chairman
09.30-11.00	Submission of the Conclusions of the Working Groups (Report from each group)
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-12.00	Conclusions of the Conference and Suggestions for the Way Forward Ms Ulrika Klingenstierna, Senior Adviser, SIGMA
12.00-12.15	Close of the Conference Mr İ. İlhan HATİPOĞLU , General Director of DG Budget and Fiscal Control, Head of FMC CHU and Chairman of Internal Audit Coordination Board (IA CHU) Mr Robert GIELISSE , European Commission
12.30	Lunch

Free Afternoon

19.00	Dinner hosted by the Turkish Ministry of Finance
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