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Secretariat of the Committee on Budgetary Control

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Fact-finding mission of the Budgetary Control Committee (CONT) to Croatia and Serbia

17-20 July 2017

FINAL PROGRAMME

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Languages covered

- English, French, Serbian (Serbia)
- English, French, Croatian (Croatia)

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Date in: 18/07/2017 & Date out: 20/07/2017

Flights:

OUTWARD - From Brussels to Belgrade				
Flight	On	Airport	Departure time	Arrival time
JU301	17 July	Brussels National (BRU)	09:50	12:00
From Belgrade to Zagreb				
Flight	On	Airport	Departure time	Arrival time
JU234	18 July	Belgrade	18:25	19:35
RETURN - From Zagreb to Brussels				
Flight	On	Airport	Departure time	Arrival time
SN3356	20 July	Zagreb	15:40	17:30

Programme:

Monday 17 July 2017 (Belgrade, Serbia)

12:30 *Transfer from Belgrade Airport to Hotel Metropol Palace (Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 69, Belgrade, Serbia)*

before 14:30 Individual arrival of Members to Belgrade, Serbia

14:00 *Transfer from Hotel Metropol Palace to EU Delegation to Serbia (Vladimira Popovica 40/V, Belgrade, Serbia)*

14:30 - 15:00 Introductory meeting with the EU Delegation to Serbia (EUD)

Venue: EU Delegation to Serbia meeting room 5.20, 5th floor (Vladimira Popovica 40/V, Belgrade, Serbia)

Participants: CONT, EUD representatives

15:00 - 15:30 *Transfer from EUD to National Assembly House of Serbia (Trg Nikole Paši a 13, Belgrade, Serbia)*

15:30 - 16:30 Presentation of Serbian State Audit Institution (SAI) projects

Opportunity for a meeting with Serbian Parliament Budgetary Committee

Venue: National Assembly of Serbia (Trg Nikole Paši a 13, Belgrade, Serbia)

Participants: CONT, SAI representative (Mr Sretenovi tbc), EUD representatives

16:30 - 17:00 *Transfer from National Assembly of Serbia to the EU Info Centre (Kralja Milana 7, Belgrade)*

17:00 - 19:00 Implementation of EU funds in Serbia - presentations and exchange of views

Venue: EU Info Centre (Kralja Milana 7, Belgrade)

Participants: CONT, EUD representatives, Audit authority (Ljubinko Stojanovi / Slobodan Karanovi), Ministry of Finance – Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programs (CFCU) (Dusan arki), Ministry of Finance (Jelena Stojovi / Dusan Brajkovi), European Integration Office (SEIO) (Tanja Miš evi - Chief Negotiator), Innovation Fund, Ministry of Economy – all tbc

Indicative programme:

Presentations moderator: Steffen Hudolin (EUD)

- 17:00-17:15 Serbian EU integration - state of play (*Tanja Miscevic - Chief Negotiator*)
- 17:15-17:30 Q&A
- 17:30-17:45 EU financial assistance (*Steffen Hudolin EUD & CFCU*)

- 17:45-18:00 Q&A
- 18:00-18:15 "Technical assistance to Serbian authorities for management of Pre-accession assistance" - project presentation (*Ministry of Finance representative*)
- 18:15-18:30 "Support to the Capacity Building of Audit Authority" - project presentation (*Audit Authority representative*)
- 18:30-18:45 *Presentation of a project with Anti-Corruption Agency (Nicolas Bizel & Marija Mitic EUD)*
- 18:45-19:00 Q&A

19:00 - 19:30 Economic situation in Serbia

Participants: CONT, EUD representatives, Audit authority (Ljubinko Stojanovi / Slobodan Karanovi), CFCU (Dusan arki), Ministry of Finance (Jelena Stojovi / Dusan Brajkovi), SEIO (Tanja Miš evi - Chief Negotiator), Innovation Fund, Ministry of Economy – all tbc

Venue: EU Info Centre (Kralja Milana 7, Belgrade)

Indicative programme:

- 19:00-19:10 Economic situation in Serbia and implementation of the Guarantee Facility for loans to micro, small and medium size companies (*Miona Popovic Ministry of Economy*))
- 19:10-19:30 Presentation of EU funded projects with the Innovation Fund (Steffen Hudolin EUD)

19:30 - 20:00 Cocktail

Venue: EU Info Centre (Kralja Milana 7, Belgrade)

20:00 - 20:15 Transfer from EU Info Centre, Kralja Milana 7 to the Restaurant "Dva jelena", Skadarska, Belgrade

20:15 Private dinner

Restaurant "Dva jelena", Skadarska, Belgrade

Night in Belgrade

Tuesday 18 July 2017 (Belgrade, Serbia)

08:00 - 08:45 Transfer from Hotel Metropol to the company "Bexing" (Oslobodjenja 2K, Rusanj)

08:45 - 10:00 Visit to a SME as an example of project "Support to SME development in Serbia

Participants: CONT, EBRD, EUD representatives (all tbc)

Venue: company "Bexing", Rusanj

- Targeted SME as an example of "Support to SME Development in Serbia" project

10:00-11:00 *Transfer from Rusanj to Obrenovac*

11:00- 13:00 Presentation of EU assistance to Obrenovac - "European Union Assistance for Flood Relief in Serbia Programme" - 2 projects visits

Participants: CONT, EUD, National institutions representatives

- Marko Blagojevi - Head of Public Investment Management Office;
- Aleksandar Panteli - Representative of the Municipality Obrenovac

Venue: Obrenovac, Serbia

Programme implemented together with different partner organisations – the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), organisations Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe (Help), Arbeiter–Samariter–Bund (ASB), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the World Bank.

11:00-12:15 Project 1) - Presentation and visit to the Agriculture - Chemistry School reconstructed through IPA funds
Venue: Miloša Obrenovi a 90, Obrenovac

12:15 -12:25 *Transfers from Miloša Obrenovi a 90, Obrenovac to Posavskih Norvežana 3-5, Obrenovac;*

12:25-13:00 Project 2) - Visit to the social housing building constructed through IPA funds

Venue: Posavskih Norvežana 3-5, Obrenovac

13:00 -13:10 *Transfers from Posavskih Norvežana 3-5, Obrenovac to the restaurant uki "Stara pruga";*

13:10-14:15 Private Lunch
Participants: CONT, EUD representatives
Venue: Restaurant uki "Stara pruga", Kralja Aleksandra I br. 50, Obrenovac (+381 11 87 24 156)

14:15 - 15:00 *Transfer from Obrenovac to the Media Center Belgrade (Terazije 3, Belgrade)*

15:00-15:30 Press conference

Venue: Media Center Belgrade (Terazije 3, Belgrade)

16:00 *Transfer from Media Center Belgrade, Terazije 3 to the airport Nikola Tesla, Belgrade*

18:25 **Departure flight to Zagreb (Flight JU234 BEG-ZAG)**

19:35 Arrival to Zagreb and transfer to the hotel

Night in Zagreb

Wednesday 19 July 2017 (Zagreb, Croatia)

08:00 *Departure from hotel*

Transfer to Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds (MRDEF), Miramarska cesta 22, 10000 Zagreb

08:30 - 11:30 Improving the management of EU funds in Croatia - presentations and exchange of views

Venue: Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds (MRDEF), Miramarska cesta 22, 10000 Zagreb

- presentation of the “Action plan for improving the management of EU funds” - **Ivana Nagy** (MRDEF, head of Sector for coordination of economic policies and international programmes)
- project selection processes (ex-ante and ex-post verifications) - **Josipa Herceg Zeba** (Deputy Director, Central Finance and Contracting Agency)
- updating the management verification tools to effectively prevent and detect potential irregularities, including red flags and conflict of interests' situations - **Tatjana Perkovic** (MRDEF, head of Service for increasing administrative capacity and horizontal questions) / **Tatjana Borovina** (MRDEF, head of Sector for systems establishment and improvement)
- improvement of administrative capacity of the bodies involved in the management of Cohesion Policy- **Tatjana Perkovic** (MRDEF, head of Service for increasing administrative capacity and horizontal questions) / **Tatjana Borovina** (MRDEF, head of Sector for systems establishment and improvement)

Participants: Ministry of Regional Development (managing authority), Ministry of Finance (certifying authority), ARPA Agency (Agency for the Audit of EU programmes implementation system) (audit authority), SAFU Agency (Central finance and contracting agency)

11:30 - 11:45 *Transfer from Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Miramarska cesta 22, Zagreb to Croatian Parliament, Trg Svetog Marka 6, Zagreb*

12:00 - 12:45 Croatian Parliament - meeting and exchange of views with the European Affairs Committee in the presence of Mr. Domagoj Ivan Milošević, Committee chair

Venue: Croatian Parliament, Trg Svetog Marka 6, Zagreb

12:45 - 14:00 *Private lunch*

Venue: Restaurant “Didov san”, Mletacka ulica 9, Zagreb

14:00 - 14:30 *Transfer from Croatian Parliament, Trg Svetog Marka 6, Zagreb, to Ruđer Bošković Institute, Bijenička cesta 54, Zagreb*

14:30 - 15:15 Visiting projects - Ruđer Bošković Institute

15:15 - 15:45 Transfer from Ruđer Bošković Institute, Bijenička cesta 54, Zagreb to BioCentre, Borongajska cesta 83h, Zagreb

15:45 - 16:30 Visiting projects - BioCentre Biotech Business Incubator

16:30 - 17:45 Transfer from BioCentre, Borongajska cesta 83h, Zagreb to Aquatika, Ulica Branka Ćavlovića 1a, Karlovac

17:45 - 19:00 Visiting projects – “Aquatika” Freshwater Aquarium Karlovac

19:00 - 19:15 Transfer from Aquatika, Ulica Branka Ćavlovića 1a, Karlovac to Restaurant M-90, Zagrebacka bb, Karlovac

19:15 - 20:30 Private dinner

Venue: Restaurant M-90, Zagrebacka bb, Karlovac

20:30 Transfer from Karlovac to Hotel Westin, Zagreb

Night in Zagreb

Thursday 20 July 2017 (Zagreb, Croatia)

- 08:00 *Departure from the hotel*
Transfer to the Ministry of Labour and Pension System, Ulica grada Vukovara 78, Zagreb
- 08:15 - 09:30 Presentation of projects “Public works programme for activation of women in local communities”**
Venue: Ministry of Labour and Pension System, Ulica grada Vukovara 78, Zagreb (6th floor, room A)
- 08:15-08:45 Exchange of views with the Minister of Labour, Mr Marko Pavić on projects managed by the Ministry of Labour and Pension System
- 08:45-09:10 Presentation of projects:
 1) Active labour policy project “Od mjere do karijere” by State Secretary Ms Majda Buri
 2) “ZAŽELI” - “Public works programme for activation of women in local communities” by State Secretary “Public works programme for activation of women in local communities”
- 09:10-09:30 Questions and Answers
- 09:30 - 10:00 *Transfer from Ministry of Labour and Pension System, Ulica grada Vukovara 78, Zagreb to EP Information Office, Augusta Cesarca 6, Zagreb*
- 10:00 - 11:00 Press conference**
Participants: CONT Members
Venue: EP Information Office, Augusta Cesarca 6, Zagreb
- 11:00 - 11:30 *Transfer from EP Information Office, Augusta Cesarca 6, Zagreb to CIRA (Center for Inclusive Work Activities), Bleiweisova ulica 15, Zagreb*
- 11:30 - 12:30 Visiting projects - CIRA NGO ((Center for Inclusive Work Activities) - project “Work activities for people with intellectual disabilities”**
Venue: CIRA (Center for Inclusive Work Activities), Bleiweisova ulica 15, Zagreb
- 12:30 - 13:30 *Private lunch*
Venue: tbc
- 13:30 *Departure for Zagreb Airport*
- 15:00 End of official programme**

