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**Forum on Implementing Public-Private Partnership Projects in the Countries of Central
and Eastern Europe and the CIS: The Challenges and the Opportunities**

First Meeting of the UNECE Public-Private Partnership Alliance

11-12 March 2002

Note by the secretariat:

The following document presents the provisional programmes for the above mentioned events which will take place on March 11-12 2002 at the Palais des Nations Geneva. These events are being held on the first two days of the fiftieth session of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice. Documents for the meetings will be distributed by mail and will also be posted on the following web site: <http://www.unece.org/operact/wp5>. Those wishing to attend are kindly requested to complete the registration form attached as an annex to this document.

1. Programme 11 March 2002¹

Implementing Public Private Partnerships in Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS

9.00 Registration

INTRODUCTION

10.00 Opening

Ms. Larissa Kapitsa, Director of the Co-ordinating Unit For Operational Activities, UNECE

Welcome Address and Overview of the Key Challenges in Developing a Portfolio of Operational PPP Projects in the Transition Economies

Mr. Paolo Garonna, Acting Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

10.15 Czech Republic

Mr. Jan Kavan, Minister of Foreign Affairs

10.25 Hungary

Mr. Fonagy Janos, Minister of Transport

10.35 Poland

Mr. Wojciech Janczyk, Under-Secretary of State in Ministry of Infrastructure

TRANSPORT SECTOR I - MOTORWAYS: LOCAL & NATIONAL

10.45 PPP Case Study: A1 Motorway Concession in Poland

Plans are underway to build 152 km of new road from Gdansk to Torun. An initial concession was awarded to GTC (Bechtel/GPRD and others) in August 1997. Negotiations between GTC and Government recommenced in the second half of 1999 in parallel with discussions on the new Toll Motorway Act. The EIB will play a key role in the financing of this project.

Mr. Tom Barrett, Director, EIB

11.05 Potential PPP Project 2

DBFO Project Riga, Latvia

Ms. Maira Vesmane, Head of Project Management Unit

11.25 Panel discussion: Analysis of Project Viability and Discussion of Wider Issues Involved in the Introduction of PPPs in the Area

Chair: Ms. Corinne Namblard-Bouverot, Chairwoman BOT Group
Mr. Michael Dymacek, BIP, Czech Republic

¹ Please note that the programme is subject to change.

Mr. Angskar Kauf, International Road Federation
Mr. Declan Murphy, Programme Manager for the Investment Compact for South East Europe, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD
Mr. Paul Leatherdale, Head of Special Finance, DePfa

THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PPPs IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

11.45 Romania

Mr. Miron Mitrea, Minister of Public Work, Transport and Housing

11.55 Slovenia

Mag. Anton Rop, Minister of Finance

12.05 Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Mr. Labus Miroljub, Deputy Prime Minister

TRANSPORT II -PORTS

12.15 Bulgarian ports

Ms. Ralitsa Marinova, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Bulgaria

Airports in Russian Federation

Mr. Elvir Khantimerov, Foreign Investment Agency in Bashkortostan

12.40 Panel Discussion: Analysis of Project Viability and Discussion of Wider Issues Involved in the Introduction of PPPs in the Area

Chair: Mr. Gavin Anderson, EBRD

Mr. Andrew Turpin, BOT Development Manager, Bovis Lend Lease

Mr. Nicholas Zervos, Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna

Mr. Tim Wilson, Former Head of the Private Finance Policy Team, HM Treasury

Mr. Christopher Cuny, Abbey National Financial Products

Professor, Wim Albert Timmermans, Lecturer and Legal Consultant, Leiden University, East-West Legal Consultancy BV

13.00 Luncheon

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER, WASTE, LOCAL POWER SYSTEMS, HEATING

15.00 Sofia Water Project

Mr. Chris Shugart, EBRD

Speaker (tba)

15.10 Dump Rehabilitation and Building of Regional Sanitary Landfill in Belgrade

Recommendation to rehabilitate the Vinca landfill site which is located 15km outside the city of Belgrade. In addition to the rehabilitation of the site, plans include developing a regional landfill facility with the necessary equipment to provide environment monitoring and the education of staff on waste management procedures.

15.20 Panel Discussion

Chair: Mr. Dorel A. Colodeiciuc, Attorney at Law, Vice-Chairman of WP.5

Mr. Philippe Wind, Lyonnais des Eaux

Mr. Jake Burke, Food and Agricultural Organisation, Rome

Mr. Uberto Tedeshi, Edison

IMPLEMENTING PPP PROJECTS IN THE CIS

15.45 Belarus

Mr. Andrey V. Kobyakov, First Deputy Prime Minister

15.55 Kazakhstan

Mr. Serek Minovarovic Burketbae, Minister of Public Work, and Transport

16.05 Russia

Mr. German Grev, Minister of Economy

HEALTH, HOUSING AND EDUCATION

16.15 Housing Schemes in Poland

Mr. Guy Perry

16.40 Panel Discussion: Analysis of Project Viability and Discussion of Wider Issues Involved in the Introduction of PPPs in the Area

Chair: Mr. David Winter OBE, Consultant, Baker & McKenzie, Chairman of WP.5

Mr. Nigel Middleton, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Mr. Robert Hall, Chairman of REAG

Mr. Thomas Barrett, Director, European Investment Bank

Mr. Wilfried Rammner, Director of Project Management, Hochtief Development

Mr. Tim Steadman, Partner, Clifford Chance Pünder

CONCLUSION

17.00 Selecting the Best: Review of all projects submitted by Governments as potential pilots

Ms. Corinne Namblard-Bouverot, Chairwoman BOT Group

Mr. Eamonn Kearns, Head of PPP Unit, Department of Finance, Ireland

Mr. Philip Drouers, Bankgesellschaft, London

Mr. Richard Ornitz, Coudert Brothers, New York

Mr. Bruno de Cazalet, Lawyer

17.40 The Next Step: Implementing Projects Through the PPP Alliance

Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Regional Advisor, United Nations Economic Commission For Europe

18.00 Close of proceedings

2. Programme 12 March 2002

First Meeting of the UNECE PPP Alliance “How to create dynamic and effective PPP Units?”

10.00 Opening Remarks Mr. David Winter

Chairman of Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice (WP.5)

Item: Election of office bearers and organising committee

Presentations on the theme: the PPP Units and the private sector experience

10.30 First Panel Session - Key Studies of Italy and UK

Chairman

Mr. Gavin Anderson (tbc)

Director

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Italy <i>Ms. Velia Leone</i> Chief Legal Counselor PPP Unit Ministry of Treasury	Response from the private sector <i>Mr. Alessandro Castellano</i> Managing Director MedioCredito Centrale
UK <i>Mr. James Stewart</i> Chief Executive UK Partnership	Response from the private sector <i>Mr. David Clements</i> Managing Director WS Atkins

Topics of the panel discussion

Influence of a PPP Task Force/Unit:

- What should its level of authority be within governments?
- Where should it be positioned within the public administration/under the treasury?
- How much power should it have?
- Should its services be free at the point of use?

Resources:

- From where should the personnel running the PPP Task Forces/Unit be recruited?
- What should the balance be between the public and private sectors?
- How should a PPP Task Force/Unit be financed?

11.20 Questions

11.30 Morning Coffee

11.45 Second Panel Session - Key studies of Czech Republic and Ireland

Chairman

Mr. Thomas Barret

Director

European Investment Bank (EIB)

Czech Republic <i>Mr. Miroslav Wagner</i> Adviser to the Minister of Transport and Communications	Response from the private sector <i>Mr. Michael Dymacek</i> CEO – bip Group (Czech Republic)
Ireland <i>Mr. Eamonn Kearns</i> Head of the Irish PPP Unit Ministry of Finance	Response from the private sector <i>Ms. Sonja Price</i> Solicitor William Fry Solicitors
Netherlands <i>Mr. Frank Lemmink (tbc)</i> Head of the Dutch PPP Unit Ministry of Finance	
<u>Topics of the panel discussion</u> <i>The early objectives of a PPP Task Force/Unit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does a PPP Task Force/Unit prioritise projects? - What needs to be done in the legal framework early on? <i>The role of a PPP Task Force/Unit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What should the division of labour be between the central and local levels? - Where does accountability for the project lie: central or local? - What should be its role in competitive tenders? <i>The succession planning for a PPP Task Force/Unit</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the stages by which the PPP Task Force/Unit should develop? - What should the objectives of the PPP Task Force/Unit be going forward? - Should it become part of the public sector or become part of the private sector? 	

12.50 Questions**13.00 Luncheon****15.00 Roundtable “What are the main barriers to the establishment of effective PPP Units in the Stability Pact Countries?”**

Moderator

Mr. Andreas Schoen (tbc)

Dornier System Consult

GMBH

Panel	
<i>Mr. Izet Bajrambasic (tbc)</i>	<i>Ms. Natasa Sremac (tbc)</i>

Co-coordinator Ministry for Civil Affairs and Communications Bosnia and Herzegovina	Representative Ministry of Finance of Slovenia
<i>Mr. Donald Kursch</i> (tbc) Deputy Co-ordinator Stability Pact	

15.45 Questions

16.00 Final Session “How can the UNECE PPP Alliance assist in removing obstacles to effective working of PPP Units?”

Chairman
Mr. Tim Wilson
ILO ITC
Turin

Panel	
<i>Ms. Beatrice Labonne</i> Senior Adviser UNDESA	<i>Ms. Corinne Namblard-Bouverot</i> Managing Director Galaxy Fund Management
<i>Mr. Eamonn Kearns</i> Head of the Irish PPP Unit Ministry of Finance	<i>Mr. John Moon</i> Chief General Transport and Communications Section Transport, Communication, Tourism and Infrastructure Division - UNESCAP
<i>Mr. Jeremy Colman</i> International Audit Institution Vienna INTOSAI	

Item: Approval of mandate and programme of PPP Alliance work

17.00 Coffee Break

17.45 Closing of the Final Session

Item: Approval of mandate and programme of PPP Alliance work
Approval of the Terms of Reference
Declaration of the Meeting

17.45 Concluding Remarks

Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton
Regional Adviser
UNECE

18.00 Cocktail

OTHER DETAILS

Networking

The Forum will provide an excellent networking opportunity. In addition, if delegates from Governments are interested in informally presenting project proposals to participants in the Forum and an interpreter is required, please inform the secretariat and efforts will be made to provide adequate accommodation for these discussions.

Documentation and Recommendations of the Forum

Written submissions by speakers and delegates to the Forum are welcome. The Working Party will review these submissions with a view to their eventual publication by the United Nations. In addition, the Report of the Forum will be approved by the Working Party, and will be available to the participants after the Forum. This Report will be published as an official United Nations publication.

Organization

In view of the large number of participants who are expected to attend the Forum on Day 1, the Working Party requested the secretariat to contact a private conference organizer to assist it in the preparation of the event. Accordingly, City & Financial, a UK company, has agreed to assist the secretariat. For further details, City & Financial can be reached at the following:

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Accommodation

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Web page for Hotels in Geneva: <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/eng/index99.html>

Please note that early reservations with hotels are advisable during the month of March in Geneva as large exhibition events take place during this period and hotel accommodation is at a premium.

Registration

Interested parties are invited to fill out the attached Registration Form (see Annex 2) and return it to the following address:

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For online registration for the Meeting, please visit the Working Party 5 official homepage at <http://www.unece.org/operact/wp5>

For Further Information on this Forum

For questions regarding the Forum, please contact either of the following persons:

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