

**DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2008
FOR THE IFI AG AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS**

NAME	DATE	TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS
IFI Advisory Group – Plenary Session	June 2008 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of IFI activities in the Western Balkans: exchange of information on mandates and work-programmes of IFI AG members (presentations from each member) • Overview of macroeconomic developments in the region with particular focus on employment and labour market issues • Report of progress of Technical working groups: status of implementation of 2008 work programmes • Thematic issues of horizontal nature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) governance and public procurements: exchange of experience and best practices; b) delivery of services at local level: the role of infrastructure investments and of IFI cooperation; c) sector and horizontal regional organization: coordination with the IFI AG • Other (topics to be suggested by IFIs)
Social Issues Working Group	May 2008 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour markets, employment, SMEs and the informal sector: challenges of a Sector Wide approach (SWAp) and IFIs role • Higher Education, competitiveness and employment in SEE • Roma and minority issues • Health sector reforms and investments: examples of SWAP approaches and other successful national donor coordination mechanisms and needed investments. • Update on Commission and IFIs activities the region

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of existing regional mechanisms in the different social sectors Identify experts within IFIs in each social sector encompassed by the WG • Other (topics to be suggested by IFIs)
Environment Working Group	17 or 18 April 2008 October- November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of current financial instruments for the environment sector, particularly Waste and Climate change and issues to be discussed among the members of the group • Overview of national financial environment strategies • Update on the EIB handbook on environmental acquis • Progress on regional initiatives and programs: REReP and DABLAS, coastal management • Update on the Environment Project Preparation Facility and on Infrastructure Project Facility – European Commission • Appointment of two representatives of the ENV WG to transport, energy and social WGs. • Status of sending letters to the Ministries of Environment (to organise meetings with IFIs) • Status of pilot countries meetings between Ministries of Environment and Ministries of Finance • Results of cross- checking of the idea to have a national IPA working groups led by the countries • Other (other topics to be suggested by IFIs)
Transport Working Group	8 April 2008 September 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEETO: multi-annual plan 2009-2013; preparation of next Annual Ministerial Meeting focusing on border crossing issues • Addendum for the SEE Railway area: follow up • Continuation of bilateral meetings with B&H, Kosovo, FYRoM, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro and Albania on specific transport projects • Donor conference for Kosovo: transport projects and issues • Negotiation of a Treaty establishing a Transport Community for SEE

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Energy Working Group (to be revised)	April 2008 October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Community Treaty: pipeline of investment projects • Regional perspective of EU Energy Policy • Electricity – transmission and generation • Gas – pipelines and storage • Energy Efficiency – including ECS Task Force on Energy Efficiency • EC and IFI activities in the energy sector in the region • Identify specialists within WG member institutions on specific energy sub-sectors and issues • Aarhus convention – Vlore power plant in Albania • Other issues (to be suggested by other IFIs)