

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

Items marked in **Yellow** have been covered this year.

NAME	DATE	TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS
IFI Advisory Group – Plenary Session	June 24 2008 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping of IFI activities in the Western Balkans: exchange of information on mandates and work-programmes of IFI AG members (presentations from each member)</li> <li>• Overview of macroeconomic developments in the region with particular focus on employment and labour market issues</li> <li>• Report of progress of Technical working groups: status of implementation of 2008 work programmes</li> <li>• Thematic issues of horizontal nature:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) governance and public procurements: exchange of experience and best practices;</li> <li>b) delivery of services at local level: the role of infrastructure investments and of IFI cooperation;</li> <li>c) sector and horizontal regional organization: coordination with the IFI AG</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other (topics to be suggested by IFIs)</li> </ul>
Social Issues Working Group	June 17 2008 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labour markets, employment, SMEs and the informal sector: challenges of a SWAP approach and IFIs' role</li> <li>• Higher Education, competitiveness and employment in SEE</li> <li>• Health sector reforms and investments: examples of SWAP approaches and needed investments.</li> <li>• Update on Commission and IFIs activities the region</li> <li>• Review of existing regional mechanisms in the different social sectors</li> </ul>

		<p>Identify experts within IFIs in each social sector encompassed by the WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other (topics to be suggested by IFIs)</li> </ul>
<p>Environment Working Group</p>	<p>April 17, 2008 October- November 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Overview of national financial environment strategies</li> <li>• Update on the EIB handbook on environmental acquis</li> <li>• Progress on regional initiatives and programs: RReP and DABLAS, coastal management</li> <li>• Update on the Environment Project Preparation Facility and on Infrastructure Project Facility – European Commission</li> <li>• Appointment of two representatives of the ENV WG to transport, energy and social WGs.</li> <li>• Status of sending letters to the Ministries of Environment (to organise meetings with IFIs)</li> <li>• Status of pilot countries meetings between Ministries of Environment and Ministries of Finance</li> <li>• Results of cross- checking of the idea to have a national IPA working groups led by the countries</li> <li>• Other (other topics to be suggested by IFIs)</li> </ul>
<p>Transport Working Group</p>	<p>April 14 2008 September 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEETO: multi-annual plan 2009-2013; preparation of next Annual Ministerial Meeting focusing on border crossing issues</li> <li>• Addendum for the SEE Railway area: follow up</li> <li>• Continuation of bilateral meetings with B&amp;H, Kosovo, FYRoM, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro and Albania on specific transport projects</li> <li>• Donor conference for Kosovo: transport projects and issues</li> <li>• Negotiation of a Treaty establishing a Transport Community for SEE</li> <li>• Overview of EC and IFI activities and programmes in the region</li> </ul>

Energy Working Group (to be revised)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify experts within IFIs in each transport mode and sub-sector encompassed by the WG</li> <li>Other issues (to be suggested by IFIs)</li> </ul>
	May 6 2008 October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy Community Treaty: pipeline of investment projects</li> <li>Regional perspective of EU Energy Policy</li> <li>Electricity – transmission and generation</li> <li>Gas – pipelines and storage</li> <li>Energy Efficiency – including ECS Task Force on Energy Efficiency</li> <li>EC and IFI activities in the energy sector in the region</li> <li>Identify specialists within WG member institutions on specific energy sub-sectors and issues</li> <li>Aarhus convention – Vlore power plant in Albania</li> <li>Other issues (to be suggested by other IFIs)</li> </ul>