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### **Working Party of Senior Budget Officials**

#### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

#### **5th ANNUAL MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS OF CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPEAN (CESEE) COUNTRIES**

**St. Petersburg, Russian Federation  
25-26 June 2009**

*The meeting will be hosted by the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation. It will be held at the Hotel Angleterre in St. Petersburg.*

*The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Richard Emery, former Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, United States.*

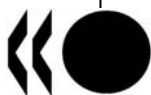
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*Interpretation into English, Russian and Serbo-Croatian will be provided.*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of OECD-CESEE Senior Budget Officials  
St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 25-26 June 2009**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Wednesday 24 June 2009**

19.30-21.30 Welcome reception at the Hotel Angleterre

**Thursday 25 June 2009**

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:00 Opening and introductory remarks by Mr. Richard Emery, Chair, the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, and the OECD Secretariat

10:00-11:15 Delegates' introductions and group photo

11:15-11:45 *Coffee break*

11:45-13:00 Presentation 1 - The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Budget Policy in Central and Eastern Europe

- Presentation by Mr. Zsolt Darvas, Fellow of the European Economic Research Institute- Bruegel, Brussels
- Reactions by the Delegates of the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Moldova
- Discussion

13:00-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-16:00 **Workshop session 1**

**Workshop 1a** -- *National fiscal policy and EU coordination: rules and institutions*  
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Serbo-Croatian]

- Moderator: Hungary
- Presentations: Mr. Christian Kastrop (Germany); Ms. Marta Postula (Poland)

**Workshop 1b** -- *Experiences with budget reform*  
[Simultaneous interpretation in English only]

- Moderator: Mr. Bojan Pogacar (Slovenia)
- Presentations: Turkey; Russia

**Workshop 1c** -- *The budget classification: how many articles should there be in the budget law and how should they be defined?*  
[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Russian]

- Moderator: Romania
- Presentations: Mr. Brian Olden (IMF); Ukraine

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-16:45 Report on the Workshops in the plenary session

16:45-18:15 Budget review of Bulgaria

- Presentation by Mr. Ian Hawkesworth (OECD Secretariat) and Dr. Kristin Saenger, Economist, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- Examination by the Delegates of Lithuania and Mr. Michael Ruffner, Director of the Office of Technical Assistance, US Department of the Treasury
- Reaction by the Delegate of Bulgaria
- Discussion

19:00 *Evening programme*

## Friday 26 June 2009

9:30-11:00

### **Workshop session 2**

#### **Workshop 2a -- Budgeting for investment**

*[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Serbo-Croatian]*

- Moderator: Poland
- Presentations: Mr. Dusan Mramor (Professor); OECD Secretariat (SIGMA)

#### **Workshop 2b -- Improving parliamentary scrutiny**

*[Simultaneous interpretation in English only]*

- Moderator: Croatia
- Presentations: Ms. Chiara Goretti (Italy); Latvia; Mr. Allen Schick (Professor)

#### **Workshop 2c -- How much performance information should go into the budget documentation?**

*[Simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: English and Russian]*

- Moderator: Estonia
- Presentations: Mr. Helmer Vossers (Netherlands); Czech Republic

11:00-11:30

*Coffee break*

11:30-11:45

Report on the Workshops in the plenary session

11:45-13:15

### **Budget review of Latvia**

- Presentation by Mr. Dirk-Jan Kraan (OECD Secretariat)
- Examination by the Delegates of Moldova and Germany
- Reaction by the Delegate of Latvia
- Discussion

13:15-14:30

*Lunch*

14:30-16:00

### **Presentation 2 - The Problem of Off-budget Public Spending in Central and Eastern Europe**

- Presentation by Prof. Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Director of TIGER Institute at the Kozminski University of Warsaw, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland
- Reaction by the Delegates of Montenegro and the Russian Federation
- Discussion

16:00-16:30

*Coffee break*

16:30-17:45 Panel: The impact of the financial crisis on fiscal discipline and fiscal sustainability

- Chair: Mr. Alexey Lavrov, Director of the Budget Policy Department of the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation
- Mr. Barry Anderson, Head of the Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
- Prof. Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Director of TIGER Institute at the Kozminski University of Warsaw, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Poland
- Prof. Dusan Mramor, Professor of Public Finance at the University of Ljubljana and former Minister of Finance of Slovenia
- Dr. Matthias Witt, Head of the Public Finance Division, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- Mr. Marco Cangiano, Head of the Public Financial Management Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Mr. Zsolt Darvas, Fellow of the European Economic Research Institute - Bruegel, Brussels
- Prof. Allen Schick, Professor of Public Policy at the University of Maryland, United States
- Mrs. Nina Lupan, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Moldova

19:00

*Evening programme*