

## Workshop on IIAs/BITs

### Draft agenda

Vienna, 21 November 2019

**Thursday, 21 November 2019**

Venue: World Bank Group – Galaxy Tower, Praterstrasse 31, 1020 Vienna

10.00 – 10.15	<b>Introductory remarks</b> RCC will introduce the overall structure of the workshop, the learning goals and possible outputs of the workshop.  <i>RCC</i>
10.15 – 11.00	<b>Current developments in the EU on IIAs/BITs</b> DG Trade to present current development on IIAs/BITs in the EU, intra-EU BIT issues, latest agreements signed and trends in the investment policy of the EU.  <i>EC DG Trade</i> <i>Q&amp;A with participants</i>
11.00 – 12.00	<b>WBG – Regional Synthesis Report on BITs and IIAs</b> WBG will present the regional report on BITs and IIAs summarizing the findings on the distance to EU and international standards and recommendations for further steps to address issues identified in all economies of the region. The module will further highlight the problems identified with “old” type of BITs and connected issues triggered by EU accession.  <i>WBG</i> <i>Tour de Table among participants</i>
12.00 – 12.15	Coffee break
12.15 – 13.15	<b>Draft Regional Standards for negotiating IIAs /BITs</b> WBG to present and put up for discussion potential draft elements and options for the development of standards for negotiations of IIAs and BITs. Participants will deliberate on options for establishing regional standards for negotiating IIAs and BITs including strategies for the management of BITs in the context of EU accession, renegotiations of BITs and the solutions available in the context of the EU accession perspective.  <i>WBG</i> <i>Tour de Table among participants</i>
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch

**14.15 – 15.15 Development of Draft Regional IIAs/ BITs Standards**

Participants will discuss and deliberate the refinement of the draft regional standards for negotiating IIAs/BITs standards as presented in the previous session. A possible output will be presented to the SEEIC JWGI on November 22 for further discussion and possible endorsement.

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*Tour de Table among participants*

**15.15 – 15.30 Closing session**

Conclusions and next steps