Program Budgeting, Evaluation and Spending Review
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Workshop Report

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The objective of the course was to help participants to better understand the challenges in implementing program oriented budgets. It provided an intense exchange of experience to professional staff and managers who participate in budget preparation process in ministries of finance and line ministries.

The following topics were discussed during the course:

- Design of a program oriented budget classification
- Program evaluation; procedures, regulations and implementation
- Steering of arm's length agencies: the role of performance information
- Spending review

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Lecturers:

- Mr. Dirk-Jan Kraan, Public Financial Management Advisor for SEE of the IMF
- Ms. Joanne Kelley, Professor of Public Administration, Australia/New Zealand School of Government
- Ms. Corina den Broeder, Budget Inspectorate, Ministry of Finance, the Netherlands

Participants:

There were 22 participants from the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey; of which all are CEF member countries.
Evaluation:

Overall satisfaction with the course

No. of all responses: 21, Average mark: 4.67

The workshop addressed issues that are important to my work

No. of all responses: 22, Average mark: 4.32

Selected Participants’ Comments:

- When we make estimation for savings I will try to use evaluation and new information for savings. And when we do the classification, I will use information and knowledge from this workshop.
- My department finished studying the strategic plan. In the future days we will focus on budgeting of the plan. I will use knowledge which I gained from this workshop.
- I will try to use the knowledge acquired regarding spending reviews, evaluation and program oriented budget classification.
- We have received good experience in themes discussed. Lecturers were successful, we have received enough course materials. I liked working in group. I would like to be part of some future CEF trainings.
- Ljubljana is one of the best places in the world to host a workshop like this.
- Thank you very much for this experience!!!
• Everything was great and it was a pleasure to attend.