Budget Submissions of Line Ministries
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Workshop Report

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The primary objective of the workshop was to strengthen budget users’ capacity to respond to budget instructions. The workshop aimed at strengthening the quality of budget submissions of budget users (in particular budget-intensive line ministries). Case studies illustrated budget submissions at examples of a budget-intensive sector (i.e. transport infrastructure).

Main objectives of the workshop:
- promote a joint understanding of the importance of good macro-fiscal frameworks, especially in the context of preparing for EU accession
- explore key institutions involved in the budget preparation process, especially with respect to crosscutting, inter-sectorial policies and structural reforms
- discuss critical elements in the guidance of budget users’ submissions, i.e. with respect to the quality of instructions, templates, formats, definitions, and hearing
- explore the operations and methodology needed to assess the fiscal impact of existing and any new policy proposals
- promote an exchange of good practice in assuring realistic and consistent budget submissions.

Lecturers:
- Mojmir Mrak, Professor of International Finance, University of Ljubljana, and CEF Associate Fellow
- Dirk-Jan Kraan, CEF Advisor
- Aleksandra Ivanovska, Head of Budget Coordination Unit, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Eriona Elezi Qoku, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Albania
- Mišo Vasilevski, Head of Budget Control Unit, Ministry of Transport, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Andreja Jerina, National Coordinator EU Macregional Strategies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

Participants:
There were 18 participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro and Turkey.
Evaluation:

Overall satisfaction with the course

No. of all responses: 18, Average mark: 4.83

The workshop met my expectations

No. of all responses: 18, Average mark: 4.89

Selected Participants’ Comments:

- I thank you for these days, they helped me to understand new things about my work, but also to know a new beautiful city such as Ljubljana and experiences from our neighbor countries, which I understood, from the problematic point of view, are the same. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you again and learn more and more from our extended experience.
- My supervisors will be informed about this workshop and I am going to include all of most important facts to my work and make some changes.
- Knowledge gained and connections created at the CEF will help to share the knowledge to other people.
- The third day was especially very useful, fulfilling the EFP document is a new task for our country’s line ministries, and so understanding the concept will help us and our colleagues (whom I will try to explain to) in our everyday work.