Working Party of Senior Budget Officials

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FIRST MEETING OF SENIOR BUDGET OFFICIALS FROM CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE

The Hague, 10-11 November 2004

The meeting will be hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Finance.

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

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Wednesday, 10 November 2004

9:00-9:15 Opening by Chairman Mr. R. Emery (United States of America)

9:15-9:30 Introduction by the Dutch Minister of Finance, Mr. G. Zalm

9:30-10:15 Introduction of participants

10:15-10:45 Reform of the Budget Process: The Case for Peer Review and Regional SBO Networks
   • Presentation by the OECD Secretariat

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Experiences and Lessons in Budget Reform
   • Presentation by a delegate (still to be determined)
   • Reaction by the representative of the United Kingdom
   • Discussion

12:45-14:45 Lunch at the Museum Mauritshuis, followed by a visit to the Mauritshuis and a group photo.

14:45-16:00 Survey of the Budget Process of Slovenia (TBC)
   • Presentation by the OECD Secretariat
   • Reaction by the representative of the Netherlands
   • Reaction by the representative of Slovenia
   • Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Financial Reporting and Cash Management
   • Presentation by a delegate (still to be determined)
   • Case studies to be discussed in working parties

18:00-19:00 Drinks in Kurhaus

19:00 Dinner in Kurhaus
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9:00-10:15 **Workshops**
Participants can choose from three alternatives: multi-year expenditure estimates, agencies, programme budgeting

10:15-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-12:00 **Survey of the Budget Process of Romania**
- Presentation by the OECD Secretariat
- Reaction by the representative of Germany
- Reaction by the representative of Romania
- Discussion

12:00-14:00 **Lunch:** One hour lunch at the café Dudok, then walking tour around the Binnenhof with a guide (visits to Parliament and the Knight’s Hall)

14:15-16:15 **Capacity Building**
- Presentation by the consultancy agency Ecorys.
- Panel discussion with delegates and international experts

16:15-16:30 **Closing by Chairman.**
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