



Bulgaria-Italy Bilateral Cooperation Project Final Conference

Models and strategies for Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

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The models of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) have proved to be one of the successful alternatives for financing investment projects in the public sector, giving the chance for faster realisations, better quality of the services rendered and better value for money. The present Conference, organised within the framework of a bilateral cooperation project between the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Italy, will present the experiences accumulated in Italy in the implementation of project financing, the experience of the Bulgarian Ministry of Finance in the elaboration of Methodological Guidelines for PPP projects, as well as analyses of existing legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks for PPP.

a.m.

10.00 Registration of participants

10.15 Welcome speeches

Mrs Valentina Savastano, Head of Commercial Department, Embassy of Italy in Sofia

Mrs. Boriana Pencheva, Director General, Directorate "Management of European Union Funds", Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria

Mr. Vincenzo Donato, Director General, Directorate "Programming and Management of National Resources for Regional Policy", Ministry of Economic Development, Italy

10.40 Introductory reports

Mrs. Dobrinka Krasteva, Head of Strategic Investments Department, Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria
Strategic opportunities for PPPs in Bulgaria

Mr. Franco Batzella, Senior Expert, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
PPPs: challenges and risks

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 Round table: Experiences, opportunities and challenges for PPPs in Health

Chairman: Mr. Stefan Katsarov, Head of PPP Unit, Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria

Mr. Gabriele Pasquini, PPP Unit, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Mrs. Maria Paola Di Martino, General Director, Directorate "EU and International Relations", Ministry of Health, Italy

Mr. Fabrizio De Rossi, Astaldi SpA

Mr. Gianfranco Sansone, Unicredit Group

Mrs. Snezhana Kovacheva, Director of Directorate "eHealth", Ministry of Health, Bulgaria

13.00 Lunch

p.m.

14.15 Round Table: Experiences, opportunities and challenges for PPPs in Infrastructures

Chairman: Mr. Manfredo Paulucci de Calboli, Coordinator of PPP Unit, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Mr. Pasquale Marasco, PPP Unit, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Mr. Paolo Signorini, Director of Technical Unit for Infrastructures, Ministry of Infrastructures, Italy

Mr. Alessandro Rivano, Group Project Finance Manager, Impregilo SpA

Mrs. Dobrinka Krasteva, Head of Strategic Investments Department, Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria

Mrs. Silvia Georgieva, Manager, Bulgarian National Association of Municipalities

Mr. Bojidar Danev, Chairman, Bulgarian Industrial Association

15.45 Final remarks

Mr. Georgi Petrov, Senior Investment Officer for Southeast Europe, International Finance Corporation - World Bank Group

Mr. Franco Batzella, Senior Expert, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy

Mr. Vincenzo Donato, Director General, Directorate "Programming and Management of National Resources for Regional Policy", Ministry of Economic Development, Italy

Mrs. Boriana Pencheva, Director General, Directorate "Management of European Union Funds", Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria

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