



**Twinning Project MK11 IB FI 01**  
**"Strengthening the medium term budgeting for effective public financial management"**

## **Training for the medium term budget reform for the pilot budget user network**

In the period 05 – 07 April 2017, *Training for the medium term budget reform for the pilot budget user network* was implemented in Struga, Macedonia. This training was part of activity 2.6 "Trainings for the new MTBF and MTEF – training of trainers in the budget users".

53 participants representing first line budget users and Ministry of Finance Budget and Funds Department took part in the training. The main topics of the training days were related to understanding the reasons and benefits behind the medium term budget reform – theory and practice, what baseline scenario is and how to draft baseline scenario. Budget and Funds Department budget analysts supported the training and also "negotiated" with pilot budget users about the baselines drafted.

### **Training Agenda**

#### **Wednesday 5 April 2017**

- 08:00 Departure to Struga, meeting point in front of Drvo Dekor
- 12:00 Arrival at the hotel in Struga, registration for the training and check in for the hotel
- 12:30 Opening of the training  
- *State Adviser*
- 12:45 Practical information about the training arrangements  
- *Twinning Team*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Key note presentations:
- Medium term budget reform – from theory to practice  
- *RTA Jonna Berghäll, HAUS/Ministry of Finance*
  - Why is Macedonia in a need for the reform?  
- *State adviser Elena Trpkovska, Ministry of Finance*
  - Key aspects of the reform:
    - Rules for fiscal rules framework and expenditure ceiling, *RTA Jonna Berghäll*
    - New budget calendar, *Deputy head Maja Argirovska, Ministry of Finance*





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- 15:45 Coffee break
- 16:00 What is baseline scenario?  
- *STE Benedikt Gamillscheg, Austria*
- 16:30 Objectives and instructions for the practical training, working methods and materials  
- *State adviser Elena Trpkovska, Ministry of Finance*  
- *RTA Jonna Berghäll, HAUS/Ministry of Finance*  
- *RTA counterpart Martin Noveski, Ministry of Finance*
- 17:00 End of the first day
- 19:00 Dinner

### Thursday 6 April 2017

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Introduction and instructions (incl. dividing the participants into 2 groups for the afternoon)
- 09:15 Drafting revenue and expenditure baseline estimations for 2018-2020. Budget users to prepare their 3-year expenditure baseline projections for core/basic budget  
- *Support from Budget Department, RTA Jonna Berghäll and STE Benedikt Gamillscheg*
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Work continues
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Working in groups A and B
- Group A:  
Medium term budget "negotiations" for expenditure baseline between the Ministry of Finance and pilot budget users of Group A
- Group B:  
Workshop to "test" the understanding of medium term reform & manual, and to learn, how to pass the information to others within own ministry/institution  
- *STE Anniina Autero, STE Gamillscheg, RTA Berghäll*
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:15 Working in groups A and B





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**Group B:**

Medium term budget "negotiations" for expenditure baseline between the Ministry of Finance and pilot budget users of Group B

18:15 End of the second day

19:00 Dinner

**Friday 7 April**

8:00 Breakfast

(8:45 Pilot budget user network meeting for those involved)

9:30 Shared experiences from drafting the expenditure baseline scenarios – what did we learn, which were the problems?

- *Presentations by some budget users*

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 What is meant with new initiatives for financing?

- *Deputy head Maja Argirovska, Ministry of Finance*
- *RTA Jonna Berghäll, HAUS/Ministry of Finance*

11:00 End of the training, conclusions and instructions for the next steps

- *State adviser Elena Trpkovska, Ministry of Finance*
- *RTA Jonna Berghäll, HAUS/Ministry of Finance*
- *RTA counterpart Martin Noveski, Ministry of Finance*

11:30 Check-out from hotel

12:00 Bus to Skopje

15:30 Arrival at Skopje





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