

EFSE Annual Meeting 2013

In just seven editions, an obligatory calendar entry has achieved the status of must-attend event not only for the entire spectrum of stakeholders directly or indirectly related to the EFSE's efforts, but also for a growing number of professionals and officials involved in development finance. The theme of the 2013 Annual Meeting co-hosted by the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina is "Strong partners – strong impact":

"It is as gratifying as it is appropriate that we hold our Annual Meeting in Sarajevo. Our motto for this year, 'Strong partners – strong impact', holds doubly true for our ties to Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is not only the cradle of the EFSE – it was here that the makings of the Fund came together just over seven years ago and that we began forging our strong partnership – but also one of our main investment beneficiaries", said Monika Beck, Chairperson of the EFSE.

The EFSE Annual Meeting was jointly inaugurated on Thursday by Bakir Izetbegović, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kemal Kozarić, Governor of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Peter Sørensen, Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Union Special Representative, and Christiana Markert, Deputy Head of Mission of the German Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In line with the EFSE's focus on agricultural end-borrowers as well as on private households requiring housing finance, the EFSE is organising panel discussions and technical workshops during the two days in Sarajevo to promote exchange and explore new opportunities for partnerships and strengthening impact in these key segments.

More than 350 international experts and local delegates from 29 countries were in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the EFSE in Sarajevo. The EFSE Annual Meeting is held each year in a different country in the EFSE's target regions to promote dialogue and cooperation across country borders as well as stimulate the debate on cutting-edge topics in development finance among the Fund's stakeholders.

PRESENTATIONS

Opening

EFSE – The Year 2012 and the Way Forward

Monika Beck (Chairperson of the EFSE Board of Directors)

Introductory Panel: Strong Financial Institutions - Strong Impact at Client Level

Moderator:

Ali Aslan (Deutsche Welle TV)

Panellists:

Kemal Kozarić (Governor, Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ardian Fullani (Governor, Bank of Albania), Dorin Drăguțanu (Governor, National Bank of Moldova), Armenak Darbinyan (Board Member, Central Bank of Armenia), Milojica Dakić (Governor, Central Bank of Montenegro), Thorsten Beck (Professor of Economics, Tilburg University), Tilman Ehrbeck (CEO, CGAP)

Strengthening Financial Institutions: Stronger Impact at Client Level

EFSE's Development Facility at Work

Gemma Ferst (EFSE TA Team, Finance in Motion)

Parallel Panel Sessions: Broadening Financial Services - Deepening Impact at the Client Level

Panel I: Agricultural Lending – Planting Seeds of Opportunity in a "Risky" Field

Moderator:

Dominik Ziller (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)

Panellists:

Robert Rekkers (General Manager, Agricover Credit, Romania), Sadina Bina (General Director, Mikrokreditna fondacija EKI, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Michael Kortenbusch (Managing Director, Business and Finance Consulting), Goran Zivkov (SEEDDEV, Serbia), Tony Myron (Senior Banker, EBRD)

Agricultural Lending – Planting Seeds of Opportunity in a "Risky" Field

Michael Kortenbusch (Managing Director, Business and Finance Consulting)

Panel II: Housing Finance – Building on Solid Ground

Moderators:

Elvira Lefting (Managing Director, Finance in Motion)

Panellists:

Igor Bilandžija (Executive Director (CRO), Intesa, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Nejra Nalic (Director of Microcredit Foundation MI-BOSPO, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Lucija Popovska (Program and Housing Finance Director – ECA, Habitat for Humanity International Europe, Middle East and Africa), Oya Sari, Vice President of Sekerbank, Turkey), Thorsten Beck (Professor of Economics, Tilburg University)

Housing Finance – Building on Solid Ground

Thorsten Beck (Professor of Economics, Tilburg University)

Concluding and Closing Panel

Moderator:

Ali Aslan (Deutsche Welle TV)

Panellists:

Renzo Daviddi (Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina), Roland Siller (Director General Europe and Asia, KfW), Robert Rekkers (General Manager, Agricover Credit, Romania), Igor Bilandžija (Executive Director (CRO), Intesa, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Madhu Dutta-Sen (Regional Portfolio Manager, Southern Europe and Central Asia, IFC)

I. Technical Workshop - A Data-Driven Approach to Risk Management: Mining Hidden Gold

Moderator:

Joachim Bald (Senior Expert on Risk Management, Frankfurt School), Karla Brom (Senior Expert on Risk Management and Corporate Governance)

A Data-Driven Approach to Risk Management

II. Technical Workshop – Mobile Financial Services in the EFSE Region: What is the Business Case?

Moderator:

Philippe Breul (Partner, PHB Consulting), Aiaze Mitha (CEO, Amarante Consulting), Matteo Snidero (Head of IT, Finance in Motion)

Mobile Financial Services in the EFSE Region: What is the Business Case?

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