



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Disseminating SPI Platform Toolkit

November 2009

Context

As the Convergence Program activities are coming to the end of their pilot phase (February 2010), it is important that its five-year operating experience be transferred to other institutions that have mandate, incentives and motivation to contribute to financial sector modernization.

The European Banking Federation (EBF) has shown public appreciation for the value of the Convergence Program's SPI Platform as an effective instrument to accelerate financial modernization through structured public-private cooperation in the context of candidate and other countries in Eastern Europe. EBF decided to assist its Eastern European Associates in their effort to engage with local authorities to create SPI Platforms in their own countries and to seek EU funding support for an initial period of their operations.

To enable EBF to play this catalytic role for financial modernization in Eastern Europe, Convergence Program has already documented its experience in a format that fits with EBF activities and that responds to the needs of its Associates, by finalizing the preparation of the SPI Platform EBF toolkit.

The toolkit contains, inter alia, information on potential international and EU funding for SPI Platforms, identifying a facility that fits very well the specifics of this program and that would encourage the regional partnership in Western Balkans and Turkey between country SPI Platforms with corresponding EU institutions.

Scope of Activity

Based on its experience in SPI Romania and SPI Albania and after preparing the SPI Platform EBF toolkit, Convergence Program wishes to complement the SPI Platform toolkit with specific contributions that will help EBF further disseminate it with its Associates, including assembling relevant information that will be useful to prepare an application for EU funding.

Activity Execution

The Convergence Program consultant will be available to share the Convergence Program's SPI Platform experience with EBF and other potential partner EU institutions as part of the launch of the SPI Platform toolkit scheduled for early December. It will respond to specific requests of information on the SPI Platform originating from EBF or one of its designated partners and channeled to the Head of the Convergence Program.

For this purpose, Convergence Program will hire a consultant for an 8 days assignment in December 2009. The consultant will provide an evidence of the time spent by activity/document and payment shall be done based on it, for the days actually worked. Partial and intermediate payments are allowed.



For the execution, the Consultant will rely on the support of the Convergence Program's Office Manager.

The Consultant will rely on the EBF designated official for relevant EU information on possible financing instruments for the public-private partnership.

Reporting Arrangements

The Consultant will report to the Head of the Convergence Program.