**BCOP Working Group (WG) on Program and Performance Budgeting**

**Workshop on Performance Budgeting in Austria**

**March 13, Vienna, Austria**

**Flemings Conference Hotel Wien**

**Background and context**

**This workshop is a part of the Working Group on Program and Performance Budgeting[[1]](#footnote-1)** of Budget Community of Practice (BCOP) under its Action Plan for FY18. The Working Group is led by BCOP Executive Committee members from the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation and its activities are supported by the World Bank resource team. The objectives of this WG are: to identify key trends in program budgeting implementation and spending reviews and to learn from specific PEMPAL and international country examples in these areas.

This workshop is planned to discussthe performance budgeting in Austria with the Austrian Ministry of Finance and the Federal Chancellery of Austria. Austria has undergone through performance budgeting reforms and have presented to BCOP on their experiences in 2013. Thus, this will an opportunity for BCOP countries to get an update on Austrian performance budgeting reforms. Draft OECD Best Practice for Performance Budgeting highlights Austrian experience and some of the aspects may be of interest for the Working Group members. These aspects include: roles of Ministry of Finance and line Ministries in setting and tracking performance indicators, use of performance information in decision making and budget allocations, linkages between strategic planning and budgeting through performance information (including at highest government level), and connections with subnational government levels.

**Participants**

**The 15 member countries of the Working Group are invited to the workshop**: Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyz R, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The meeting will be attended by the WB Resource Team. The moderator will be the Lead for Working Group from the Ministry of Finance, Russian Federation, Nikolay Begchin.

**AGENDA**

Moderator: Nikolay Begchin, Lead for Working Group, Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation

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| Time | Activity | Speaker |
| 09:00-09:15 | Introduction | PEMPAL, BCOP Executive Committee |
| 09:15-09:45 | Austrian Budget Reform –Performance Budgeting | Monika Geppl (Austrian Ministry of Finance) |
| 09:45-10:15 | (Regulatory) Impact Assessment | Andreas Fraydenegg (Austrian Ministry of Finance) |
| 10:15-10:45 | Questions to the panel of speakers |  |
| 10:45-11:15 | Coffee Break |  |
| 11:15-11:45 | Role of the Federal Performance Management Office: Quality Control of Objectives and Indicators, Monitoring and Reporting | Roland Schneider (FPMO in the Austrian Federal Ministry of Public Service and Sports) |
| 11:45-12:45 | Questions to the panel of speakers |  |
| 12.45-14.00 | Lunch |  |
| 14.00-15.30 | ROUND TABLE OF THE PROGRAM BUDGETARY WG  Analysis of lessons from the example of Austria and updating of information on further development in the member countries of the WG  Plans for future activities of the WG |  |

1. Public Expenditure Management Peer Assisted Learning network established 2006 by the World Bank and other donors. Currently has 21 countries participating with members from budget areas of Ministries of Finance. Supported by World Bank, Ministry of Finance of Russian Federation, and SECO. See [www.pempal.org](http://www.pempal.org) for more information. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)