



FINAL AGENDA FOR STUDY TRIP ON SPENDING REVIEWS IN IRELAND (November 11th – 14^h, 2013)

Day 1 – Monday, November 11th – Arrival of PEMPAL participants

Day 2 – Tuesday, November 12th

GETTING TO KNOW IRISH BUDGET PLANNING SYSTEM

9:00-9:30	Registration and distribution of materials
9:30-9:45	<p>Welcome, Introduction to the Logistics and the Agenda</p> <p><i>Naida Carsimamovic Vukotic, BCoP Resource Team</i></p> <p><i>Thomas Ferris, Independent Consultant (formerly the Senior Economist at the Department of Transport, Ireland)</i></p>
9:45-10:30	<p>Sharing of the Experiences and Interests of the PEMPAL participants (to set the scene for the Study Visit program and ensure that the sessions address specific interests of the participants)</p> <p><i>PEMPAL participants (a 5-7 minute presentation, from each country, on the country situation in terms of spending reviews and what they are looking to learn from the Study Visit), facilitated by Naida Carsimamovic Vukotic and Thomas Ferris</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:15-13:00	<p>Budget System in Ireland (Overview from Macro Perspective, Legislative and Institutional Framework, Budget Calendar and Performance Budgeting) and Tools Used for Program/performance Monitoring and Evaluation, from Budgetary Perspective (including Value for Money Reports, CREs, Fiscal Advisory Council Work...)</p> <p><i>Thomas Ferris, Independent Consultant (formerly the Senior Economist at the Department of Transport, Ireland)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
13:00-14:15	Lunch
14:30-16:30	<p>Interconnections between Overall Strategic Policy Planning and Budgeting (including also Infrastructure and Capital Investment Medium Term Framework, Public Service Reform Plan, and Medium-Term Fiscal Statement)</p> <p><i>Ms. Denise O’Connell and Mr. John Kinnane, representing the Department of Finance of Ireland</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>



16:30-17:15	<p>Role of Irish Fiscal Advisory Council</p> <p><i>Dr. Diarmaid Smyth, Chief economist, representing the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
18:00-20:00	City Tour
20:00	Dinner outside of the hotel

Day 3 – Wednesday, November 13th IN-DEPT ANALYSIS OF IRISH SYSTEM OF SPENDING REVIEWS FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF BOTH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND REFORM AND A SPENDING UNIT AND HOW IT FITS INTO BUDGETING PROCESS.

9:00-10:30	<p>How a Budget User Plan Budget from Strategic Perspective and How Budget Requests are Filled Out</p> <p><i>Ms. Laura Behan, Principal Officer, Ms. Doreen Keaney, Principal Officer and Mr. Fintan Towey, Principal Officer - representing the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	<p>How a Budget User's Budget Request is Analyzed and Approved by Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Perspective</p> <p><i>Ms. Ciara Morgan, representing the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Information from Budget User for Monitoring and Evaluation and to Prepare a CRE (specifically for that budget user) and Overall CRE Overview, Results/Consequences in Spending Cuts/Re-structuring of Expenditure, New CRE Cycle, and Next Steps and Lessons Learnt</p> <p><i>Mr. Eoin Dormer and Ms. Niamh Callaghan, representing the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee break



16:00-16.45	The Budget and Public Expenditure from a Trades Union Perspective <i>Ms. Marie Sherlock, SIPTU Economic Adviser, representing the Services, Industrial, Professional and Technical Union (SIPTU)</i> Questions and Answers
19:00	Dinner

Day 4 – Thursday, November 14th

9:00-12:00	Follow-up meeting of the PEMPAL participants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on lessons learnt from Irish system• Preparations on input on preparation of report on IT Study Tour and dissemination to the BCoP membership• Agreement on sharing the lessons at the BCoP Plenary in Turkey in March 2014
12:30-13:30	Lunch

Departures are planned for the afternoon of November 14th or in the morning of November 15th. For those staying until November 15th, dinner will be provided in the hotel in the evening of November 14th. Detailed information are in the INFO Letter.