

## **Minutes of the PEMPAL TCOP Leadership Group meeting, June 5th, 2013.**

TCOP Leadership Group held a videoconference meeting on June 5th, 2013.

The meeting was attended by: Mimoza Peco (Ministry of Finance, Albania), Vugar Abdullayev (Ministry of Finance of Azerbaijan), Nino Tchelishvili (Ministry of Finance, Georgia), Zaifun Yernazarova (Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan), Angela Voronin (Ministry of Finance, Moldova), Renolid Rubinov, Yulia Strogonova (Federal Treasury, Russian Federation), Natalia Sushko (State Treasury of Ukraine), Elena Nikulina (PEMPAL TTL, WB), Ion Chicu (TCOP Advisor, WB), Mark Silins (PFM Expert, WB).

### **Agenda items discussed:**

- 1. Kiev TCOP workshop results**
- 2. Discussions on TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015, with regard to the survey results**
- 3. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation to the Bohine PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting**
- 4. Preparation of the TCOP Leadership Group study visit in United Kingdom in September 2013**
- 5. Miscellaneous**

#### **1. Kiev TCOP workshop results**

Ion Chicu has briefly informed the videoconference participants about the reports developed following the TCOP Kiev events, held on April 23-27<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

- Report of the Kiev TCOP workshop, held on April 24-26th;
- Minutes of the TCOP Leadership Group meeting, held on April 23rd;
- Report of the meeting of small thematic group on Budget Classification and Chart of Accounts integration, held on April 27th;
- Mark Silins's answers to the questions raised by the members of the small thematic group on Budget Classification and Chart of Accounts integration;
- Results of the Survey on the TCOP Activity Plan, conducted among the Kiev workshop participants;
- Revised (according the Survey results) TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015;
- Results of the post-event Evaluation Survey (Report and participants' comments);
- Detailed wiki-report posted on the TCOPempal wiki page.

These documents have been developed by the TCOP resource team and reviewed by the Leadership Group Members. All documents are posted on the PEMPAL website and the TCOP wiki page.

The meeting participants have been informed about the results of the Survey on the TCOP Activity Plan, conducted among the Kiev workshop participants. Based on the TCOP members' feedback, the community's Activity Plan for 2014-2015 has been revised, adjusting the topics, formats and events' timeframe to the suggestions expressed by the survey respondents.

Members of the TCOP Leadership Group have appreciated the relevance and usefulness of information collected through the Kiev survey, which will be used for planning the TCOP future activities.

The results of the Evaluation Survey conducted among the workshop participants indicate a good quality of the event organization and high relevance of the topics discussed in Kiev. The TCOP Leadership Group members have thanked Natalia Sushko and the whole staff of the State Treasury Service of Ukraine involved in the event preparation, for their efforts and valuable inputs.

The TCOP Leadership Group members have been advised to review the results of the Kiev workshop Evaluation Survey and apply this information in the process of the future community activity planning.

## **2. Discussions on TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015**

The videoconference participants have been informed about the revised Annexes to the TCOP Activity Plan for 2014-2015. Annexes to the Plan have been revised according to the results of the Survey, conducted among the Kiev workshop participants. The formats and dates of some events envisaged by the previous version of the Plan have been changed. A number of additional events for the small thematic groups, supposed to be launched during July 2013- June 2014, have been included in the revised Plan. During this period small thematic groups on the Use of IT in treasury operations, Cash Management and Business processes analysis are planned to be launched. Also, thematic group on Public Sector Accounting and Reporting will be extended, covering accounting standards, reporting consolidation and fixed assets accounting topics. The topic of Accounting Automation will be approached by both IT and Accounting and Reporting thematic groups.

The topic of the TCOP plenary workshop planned for February 2014 has been changed from "Use of IT in treasury operations" to "Public Sector Accounting and Reporting". Several events on IT topic will be conducted during the second half of 2013 (small format workshop, study visit and the small thematic group videoconferences).

A suggestion to devote the videoconference envisaged by the Plan on the Finance Management and Control general topic to the Russian Federation experience in treasury bodies' effectiveness evaluation has been launched by the meeting participants. The information on the availability of

the Russian Treasury representatives to organize such videoconference will be provided by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

The meeting participants have thoroughly discussed the issues related to the preparation of the events planned for September 2013. The meeting of TCOP Leadership Group, combined with the study visit to London on accounting and reporting is planned for this period. Also, the launching event of the extended thematic group on Public Sector Accounting and Reporting, expected to be conducted in one of Balkan countries, is planned for September 2013. The videoconference participants have supported the idea of combining in time all three events planned for September 2013. The final decision on this particular matter will be taken after receiving the UK Treasury's feedback on the request to host the TCOP Leadership Group study visit. At the same time, regardless of the UK Treasury availability to host the study visit, the event devoted to the launching of extended thematic group on Public Sector Accounting and Reporting will be carried out on September 2013.

All amendments to the TCOP Activity Plan have been done within the FY 2014 TCOP budget, approved by the PEMPAL Steering Committee (US\$ 582.000).

### **3. Issues related to the TCOP Leadership Group participation to the Bohinj PEMPAL cross COPs leadership meeting**

Elena Nikulina has updated the meeting participants on the recent developments related to the Bohinj PEMPAL cross leadership meeting preparation. The registration of participants has been completed, the event agenda was approved, all logistical arrangements are being conducted according the event preparation schedule. All materials related to the Bohinj meeting preparation are posted on the PEMPAL website and the cross activity wiki-page.

The TCOP Leadership Group members have discussed the issues related to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> LG meeting preparation. The draft agenda of the meeting must be provided to the Bohinj event Organization Committee by June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Elena Nikulina has advised the videoconference participants to get prepared for the small group discussions session, scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>, where the issues related to the PEMPAL 2014 plenary meeting preparation will be discussed. Suggestions for the plenary event topic and sub-topics will be expected from the participants of that particular session in Bohinj.

Ion Chicu thanked the TCOP Leadership Group members for their inputs to the TCOP presentation planned to be delivered during the Bohinj meeting. The presentation was developed in both English and Russian languages and submitted to the Organization Committee.

#### **4. Preparation of the TCOP Leadership Group study visit in United Kingdom in September 2013**

Elena Nikulina has informed the meeting participants about activities undertaken in order to organize the TCOP Leadership Group study visit to the UK Treasury, in September 2013. A request to host the event has been submitted to the UK Treasury representatives. Also, the representatives of CIPFA have been contacted in this regard. The feedback on these requests is expected in next weeks.

The TCOP leaders having contacts with representatives of these organizations have been asked to submit similar requests to UK Treasury and CIPFA. Nino Tchelishvili has expressed her availability to contact both organizations' officials, as well as representatives of IPSASB. The issue of London event organization will be additionally discussed during the TCOP Leadership Group meeting in Bohinj. In case of the event hosting confirmation by UK Treasury and other relevant organizations located in London, the final dates of the study visit and Leadership Group meeting will be decided later.

During discussions on this issue, several TCOP leaders have expressed their interest for organization of a study visit in Australia, devoted to this country's experience in the Public Sector Accounting and Reporting. The TCOP resource team will investigate the possibilities to arrange such visit.

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

Ion Chicu has suggested to the meeting participants to include in the agenda of the TCOP Leadership Group Bohinj meeting the issue related to the TCOP Chair election. This suggestion is based on the fact, that according to the PEMPAL Rules of operation, the COPs' Chairs have to be elected on an annual basis. TCOP leaders will prepare their proposals regarding the chairmanship candidates by the date of the Bohinj meeting.

During the discussions on this issue, Zaifun Yernazarova has proposed to extend Angela Voronin's chairmanship for one additional year. According to the meeting participants' decision, all discussions will be continued in Bohinj.

#### **Main conclusions of the TCOP Leadership Group meeting:**

- The reports on the TCOP events carried out in Kiev have been finalized and posted on the PEMPAL website and TCOP wiki-page;
- The results of the Evaluation Survey conducted among the workshop participants indicate a good quality of the event organization and high relevance of the topics discussed in Kiev;

- The TCOP Activity Plan 2014-2015 has been revised according to the results of the Survey, conducted among the Kiev workshop participants. The formats and dates of some events have been changed. Additional events for the small thematic groups have been included in the revised Plan;
- Small thematic groups on the Use of IT in treasury operations, Cash Management and Business processes analysis are planned to be launched. Also, thematic group on Public Sector Accounting and Reporting will be extended, covering accounting standards, reporting consolidation and fixed assets accounting topics;
- The videoconference participants have supported the idea of combining in time all three events planned for September 2013. The final decision will be taken after receiving the UK Treasury's feedback on the request to host the TCOP Leadership Group study visit;
- All materials related to the Behind meeting preparation and carrying out are posted on the PEMPAL website and the activity wiki-page;
- The final dates of the study visit to the UK Treasury will be decided after receiving the event hosts feedback;
- The issue of TCOP Chair election will be included in the Bojnj TCOP Leadership group meeting agenda. TCOP leaders will prepare in advance their proposals regarding the chairmanship candidates;
- Ion Chicu will prepare and circulate the draft Minutes of the meeting.