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## Public-Private Partnership

Seminar organized on behalf of the **Austrian Authorities**  
(Austrian Ministry of Finance and Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Austria's central bank)  
at the **Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)**

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### Outline

The various types of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model are put in the context of theoretical considerations and of the experience and the assessment of the needs of the economies in transition. The experiences of the European Union and more specifically of Austria are highlighted because of their importance for countries that are on the way to join the EU or have a strong partnership with it. Finally, the experiences of the private firms and entrepreneurs with PPPs, preferably in countries in transition, are presented and discussed.

### Objectives of the seminar

The seminar should provide economic, legal, financial and policy understanding of PPP in a manner that could be useful for policy makers in the government and in agencies dealing with these issues. The participants should come out with an understanding of principles, major issues, examples from various sectors and with practical knowledge about various forms of PPPs.

### Structure

The seminar is structured in half-day blocks of about three hours each. There will be lectures by experts on specific topics and the possibility for discussion.

### Target group

The seminar addresses decision makers in ministries of economy, ministries of finance, ministries of transportation / public works, economic development institutions, regional governments, etc. The seminar is open for applicants from Southeast European countries, namely, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia as well as from CIS countries,

namely, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Advanced language abilities in spoken and written English are expected.

### **Costs**

The costs of participation (accommodation and daily allowance) are borne by the Austrian Authorities. The travel costs to and from Vienna are borne up to a certain limit (will be indicated as soon as the figures are available) by the Joint Vienna Institute.

### **Readings**

A compendium of appropriate chapters from books and articles is provided by the organizer beforehand. Additional readings will be suggested by the speakers.

## **Programme**

### **1. Introduction**

The lectures deal with the question why to initiate Public-Private Partnership in general and points out economic and legal aspects in details.

### **2. Sectors**

#### **2.1. Infrastructure: road, energy, water, rail**

This will be a major part of the seminar because this is where PPPs are mostly present and developed. Detailed analysis of infrastructure investments and the role of public and private agents will be provided.

#### **2.2. Communal services: health, education, technology and science**

Issues connected with reforms in these sectors and with incentives for innovation will be combined with specific examples of public support and private initiatives in these areas with a view to ongoing EU initiatives.

### **3. Issues**

#### **3.1. Tendering or other procedures**

The choice of setting up a project and the process realization will be discussed in detail.

#### **3.2. How to finance Public-Private Partnership**

Details of financing arrangements will be discussed with examples.

#### **3.3. Legal and technical aspects**

Details of contracting and the problems involved will be analysed.

#### **3.4. Risks and conflict**

The distribution of risks in implementation and management will be discussed and conflict resolution procedures analysed.

### **4. Governance issues: corruption**

The European Union and International Financial Institutions have particular interest and experience with the issues of good governance in PPP projects. Those will be brought out.