

# Decade Trust Fund status report

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## Decade Trust Fund TF070367/TF056643

- Contributed by the Decade participant countries and administered by the World Bank. Active since 2007.
- There are currently 12 Decade countries and OSI contributing to Decade Trust Fund (Bulgaria, Macedonia, Romania, Czech Republic, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Croatia, Albania, Spain, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Hungary and OSI)
- Initial contribution from each country : EUR 20,000
- **Total contribution to date (June 17, 2014) : 514,000**

# DTF: Receipts and Disbursements

(as of **July 2, 2014**)

Total Receipts		EURO 514,000
Disbursement	Project disbursement	EURO 446,000
	Admin Fee	EURO 28,000
Available funds		EURO 77,000

# Decade TF Activities Financed

- As of today a total of 33 project proposals financed .
- Project Applicant is usually current and future presidency as agreed at the XXII ISC meeting.

# Decade Trust Fund: Accomplishments

1. Support to Decade Presidencies (e.g. Slovakia, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Croatia) in carrying out goals
2. Promotes cross-country exchange of ideas on specific topics
3. Supports sharing of best practices that can later be applied in other countries

# DTF Replenishment

- In FY 2013/ 2014 almost all donors contributed to the TF with the few exceptions.
- Spain may contribute this calendar year.

# Decade trust fund extension

- Decade Trust Fund is active until December 31, 2015.
- If the Decade continues the donors and the Bank could possibly think about the Decade Trust Fund extension.

# Annex I-What does it mean for the World Bank to administer DTF

- As Administrator, the World Bank must ensure that TF legal agreements and Bank policies (including fiduciary, financial management and procurement) are being followed.
- Donors entrust their funds to the Bank to administer their contribution. Hence the Bank has mandatory internal controls and check and balances.
- Trust fund Administrative Agreement or AA (signed between Donors and the World Bank) is a binding legal document.
- Quote from AA signed with all Donors:“The Contribution will be administered by the Bank on behalf of the Donor [...]”



# Executor role of the World Bank

- Execution involves procurement of goods and services, negotiating contracts, making payments, etc.
- NB: a TF could be executed by the Bank or the Recipient. Regardless of execution type Bank procurement guidelines and policy have to be followed
- In the case of DTF, the World Bank not only administers the TF but also executes the TF.

# Annex II: standard provisions applicable to the DTF

Annex II to the AA signed with All Donors states the Procurement procedures/rules that should be followed throughout the life of the DTF:

Quote from Annex II to the AA:

- “The employment and supervision of consultants and the procurement of goods, [...] shall be the responsibility solely of the Bank and shall be carried out in accordance with its applicable policies and procedures.”
- World Bank Procurement guidelines have to be followed with no exception to the rule:
- Competitive process for contract
- No full advance payment
- WB solely responsible for contract processing, contract issuance and invoice payments

# The AA also specifies eligible expenditure under the DTF

- Following type of expenditures are allowed under DTF as per AA:
- Consultant Fees (Individuals and Firms/NGOs)
- Media, Workshop, Conference and Meetings
- Travel Expenses

Thank you