

Tackling Climate Change: Making Green Growth a Reality

Athens, Thursday 20 October 2011

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30 *Registration*

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome and opening addresses

10.00 – 11.30 **Panel I: The Climate Change challenge in SEE and the market potential**

The EU has committed to cut CO2 emissions by 80 to 95% by 2050, requiring a zero-carbon power scheme. This panel will debate how the various renewable energy technologies can meet the climate challenge in the timeframe, and also examine the consequences for energy policy and investments in the region.

11.45 – 13.15 **Panel II: Financing climate change and green development**

Despite the uncertainty in the European financial sector, 2010 saw creative solutions for financing energy projects which support our actions against climate change. The industry has tapped new sources of debt and equity and added to the array of financial structures to keep capital flowing. This panel of leading finance professional will examine the current state of play and the prospects for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in the Balkans, South East Europe and the Mediterranean and how financial developments can drive the growth over the next several years.

13.30 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 16.00 **Parallel workshops**

Two workshops will run in parallel with the first one focusing on "**Renewable energy**" case studies and a second workshop showcasing examples of best practice of "**Sustainable urban growth**". The workshops are designed to provide a free exchange of information on topics of timely interest such as policy and planning, finance,

environmental issues, legal framework, licensing and commercial aspects.

16.00 – 16.30 **Closing session**

16.30 - 17.30 Cocktail reception

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