



Financing a Transformative Post-2015 Agenda – how does infrastructure finance fit in?

High level meeting at the Faculty Club, University of Athens, 3 June 2014

This high-level meeting will discuss the role of finance and other means of implementation in the post-2015 agenda with a specific focus on infrastructure finance. As part of its 'Mobilising European Research for Development Policies' initiative, the European Commission and four Member States of the European Union (Finland, France, Germany and Luxembourg) have commissioned the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE – German Development Policy Institute), the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), the University of Athens (Department of Economics, Division of International Economics and Development) and the Southern Voice Network to produce the [5th European Report on Development \(ERD\)](#), on the topic of **'Financing and other means of implementation in the post-2015 context'**.

The quantity and quality of infrastructure has major implications for social, environmental and economic transformations but there is too little investment in infrastructure. Infrastructure finance gaps worldwide are estimated to be an annual \$1-2.5 trillion. Part of these gaps could be addressed by greater efficiency or better policies, but it is clear that a range of finance flows will need to be mobilised and used effectively to address them. How can this be done? What is the specific role of the (international and/or domestic) public sector and when does the (international and/or domestic) private sector step in? How can public and private sectors mix? And how can a post-2015 framework provide the right signals?

Leading experts will discuss this challenge supported by the preliminary research findings from the ERD 2014 project.

INDICATIVE AGENDA

13.00-14.00 Reception - Registration

Chair: Prof. Louka T. Katseli, *University of Athens and ERD 2014 core team member*

14.00-14.15 Welcome

- Prof. Theodosios Pelegrinis, *Rector of the University of Athens*

14.15-14.45 Opening Remarks:

- Konstantinos Hatzidakis, *Minister for Development and Competitiveness (tbc)*
- *EU Representative (tbc)*
- Prof. George Zannias, *Chair of the National Bank of Greece (tbc)*

14.45 – 15.15 Presentation of ERD 2014: aims, objectives and emerging findings (with Q&A)

Dr Dirk Willem te Velde, ERD 2014 Team Leader – Overseas Development Institute

Coffee Break

15.30–16.30 Panel discussion on “Infrastructure Finance for a transformative post-2015 development agenda”

Panellists: (10 minutes)

- Peter Wolff, *ERD 2014 core team member – Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik*
- *PPP & Infrastructure Finance Expert, National Bank of Greece (tbc)*
- Vicky Kefalas, *Head, Investment & Development Projects, Groups Strategic Planning, Consolidated Contractors Co (CCC)*
- Shari Spiegel - *Financing for Development – UNDESA (tbc)*
- Sony Kapoor *Managing Director – ReDefine*

Discussant: Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, *Chair of the Southern Voice Network*

