



**15<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATES**  
- Brussels, Belgium, 5 December 2002

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**AGENDA**

**I. 9.<sup>00</sup> OPENING AND WELCOME**

Opening and welcome by Mrs Katrin TALIHARM, Chairlady of the Committee and by Mr Nikolaus BÖMCKE, Secretary General of the Federation.

Welcome address by Mr Alexander SCHAUB, Director General, DG "Markt", European Commission (Confirmed).

**II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Associates, which was held in Tallinn, Estonia on 6 June 2002.

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**III. 9.<sup>45</sup> ENLARGEMENT – NEXT STEPS TO TAKE**

Evaluation and explanation of the progress reports 2002 of pre-accession countries. Introduction of the subject by Mr. Matthias Ruete, Director for negotiation, Pre-Accession coordination and Financial instruments, DG Enlargement, European Commission (Confirmed).

**IV. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND LATEST CHANGES IN THE EU DIRECTIVES FOR THE FINANCIAL SECTOR**

Overview of the latest changes in EU legislation affecting the financial sector and discussing their possible impact on Associates financial sectors.  
Introduction of the subject by Mr Elmars Kronbergs, Adviser of the FBE.

**V. BASEL II**

Introduction of the subject by the representative of the FBE.

**12.<sup>15</sup> – 13.<sup>45</sup> Lunch**

**VI. 14.<sup>00</sup> THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAYMENT SYSTEM REFORM IN EMU**

Legal aspects: Introduction of the subject by Mr. Sebastiano Tine, Administrator, DG Markt – C/4, European Commission (Confirmed).

Practical considerations: Mr. Tom Kokkola, Senior Policy Expert, Directorate General for Payment systems, ECB (Confirmed).

**VII. 15.<sup>30</sup> CONSUMER PROTECTION IN FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Introduction of the subject by Mr. Jens Ring, DG Health and Consumer protection, European Commission (Confirmed).

Mr. Wilfried Wilms, Adviser, FBE.

**VIII. IBSS 2003**

Subject will be introduced by Mr Ingvar Strom from the Norwegian Banking Association.

**IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Budget 2003

b) FBE after the enlargement (Introduction of the subject by Mr Nikolaus BÖMCKE, Secretary General of the Federation)

**X. PREPARATION OF THE NEXT MEETING**

(Bratislava, Slovakia – 13 June 2003)

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