

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS Directorate B: Structural reforms and competitiveness

#### WORKSHOP: SOES REFORM – LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE CRISIS AND WAYS FORWARD

## 24th November 2015 - Charlemagne building - Lord Jenkins room

Welcome and registration – 8.30-9.15

### I. <u>SOEs Performances</u> - 09.15-11.00

Chair: Anne Bucher (Deputy Director General, DG ECFIN)

- Performance of SOEs in the energy and rail sector (Mirco Tomasi and Martijn Brons, DG ECFIN B.4)
- Performance of SOEs in selected countries (Erik Canton and Peter Pontuch, DG ECFIN B1/B2)
- Discussants: Mariana Iootty (World Bank), Massimo Florio (University of Milan)

Coffee break - 11.00-11.15

## II. <u>SOEs Reforms - 11.15-12.45</u>

Chair: Istvan Szekely (Director, DG ECFIN)

- Productivity and corporate governance in SOEs: the role of political connectedness (Polona Domadenik, University of Ljubljana)
- Presentation of the OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises, their recent revision and past experience with their implementation (Hans Christiansen, OECD)
- Reluctant privatization: the political economy of residual state ownership (Bernardo Bortolotti, University of Turin)
- Reforming SOEs (Afonso Lobato de Faria, SOE Águas de Portugal)

### Lunch break 12.45-14.00

### III. <u>Country Perspective</u> – 14.00-15.30

Chair: Carlos Martinez Mongay (Director, DG ECFIN)

- Country case study: Poland (Henri Fortin, World Bank)
- Country case study: Romania (Theo David Thomas, World Bank)
- Discussant for Poland and Romania (Grzegorz Konieczny, Franklin Templeton Investments)
- Industry perspective in Portugal (António Ramalho, Infraestruturas de Portugal)

Coffee break - 15.30-15.45

## IV. <u>Policy Implications</u> – 15.45 - 17.15

Chair: Jeffrey Franks (Director, IMF Europe Office)

• Round table discussion with all speakers

# Concluding remarks – 17.15-17.30

Anne Bucher (Deputy Director General, DG ECFIN)