BI-ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE & REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2020/2021

Priority topics for 2020/2021:

Main priorities:

- 1. Further improvements to the regulatory framework and better implementation of regulations
- 2. Implementation of core EU energy legislation
- 3. Monitoring the efficiency of the real estate cadastre
- 4. Infrastructure and Real Estate Sector stability regardless the impact of Covid -19
- 5. Affirmation of foreign investments in infrastructure projects
- 6. Task force with the government / White Book

<u>Topic n°1:</u> Further improvements to the regulatory framework and better implementation of regulations

- Law on Planning and Construction, Law on Agricultural Land, Energy Law, relevant by-laws

Goal: Establishing / strengthening relations with public authorities

Activity: Meetings and roundtables with key stakeholders

- real estate & construction sector: Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Republic Geodetic Authority and Belgrade Secretariat for Urban Planning and Construction, Ministry of Agriculture.
- infrastructure projects Ministry of Mining and Energy.

Main partners: Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure; Ministry of Mining and Energy; Republic Geodetic Authority; Belgrade Secretariat for Urban Planning and Construction.

Timeframe: Ongoing activity

Topic n°2: Implementation of core EU energy legislation

Goal: Accelerating the implementation of core EU energy legislation

Activity: Serbia, as a contracting party to the Energy Community Treaty, is obliged to implement core EU energy legislation. We should support the reform of the Energy Act and propose necessary amendments to the Ministry of Mining and Energy.

Main partners: Ministry of Mining and Energy; Energy Agency.

Timeframe: Two years

Topic n°3: Monitoring the efficiency of the real estate cadastre

Goal: Improving the efficiency of the e-procedure and digitalization of the real estate cadastre.

Activity: Obtaining periodical input from the committee members on the efficiency of the real estate cadastre services across Serbia, and informing the Republic Geodetic Authority of potential issues and obstacles in their procedures, including e-procedure and digitalization (but also aligning with the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure).

Main partners: Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure; Republic Geodetic Authority.

Timeframe: Continuing activity

<u>Topic n°4: Infrastructure and Real Estate Sector stability regardless of the impact of Covid -19</u> Goal:

- Implemenation of FIC proposals for recovery of the real estate and infrastructure industry due to coronavirus outbreak sent to Ministry of Construction

- Pro-active approach in facing the expected financial crisis and potential consequences of COVID 19 on construction industry and lease relations in the last quarter of 2020;

Activity: Cooperation between the FIC members in order to timely observe the challenges that this sector will face and try to reach consensus between the market participants for overcoming the said difficulties, with the support of public authorities;

Main partners: Government of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Construction, Traffic and Infrastructure.

Timeframe: last quarter of 2020 and first quarter of 2021.

<u>Topic n°5: Affirmation of foreign investments in infrastructure projects</u>

Goal:

- Attracting foreign investments in the infrastructure sector
- Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure maintains an updated and publicly available list of all infrastructure projects planned for the next 12 or 24 months, or the opportunities where the Ministry see room for foreign investments in the infrastructure (e.g. acquisition of an infrastructure companies, potential PPP projects, etc.).

Activity: Discussion with the Government how to attract more foreign investments in Serbia. We have noticed foreign investors' increasing interest in the infrastructure sector. However, due to lack of information about government opportunities and activities in terms of further development of infrastructure projects in Serbia, many of them are turning to other similar markets. Therefore, it is essential that the

Main partners: Ministry for Construction, Traffic and Infrastructure

Timeframe: 6 months

Topic n°6: Task force with the government / White Book

Goal: Supporting universal FIC activities.

Activity. The committee should actively support the task force with the government (the existing project), as well as the traditional preparation of WB. Digitalization should also be on our agenda (as in other committees).

Main partners: Various authorities

Timeframe: Ongoing activity