

Budget Community of Practice (BCOP)

Update on Progress

Gelardina Prodani, BCOP Chair,
BCOP plenary meeting, Turkey March 2014

BCOP MEMBERSHIP



BCOP has membership of around 80 representatives from Ministries of Finance from 21 different countries.

BCOP MANAGEMENT

- From February 2013 to February 2014 , there were 11 events (1 plenary meeting, 5 study visits, 1 OECD/PEMPAL working group meeting, 1 cross-COP executive meeting, 1 BCOP executive meeting, 2 VC meetings).
- These were organized by:
 - The **BCOP Executive Committee** who provides strategic oversight (8 people from member countries)
 - The **World Bank Resource Team** who provides content support (3 members: Maya, Deanna, Naida)
 - The **PEMPAL Secretariat** who provides logistical and administrative support (Center of Excellence in Finance, Slovenia: Tamara/Ziva)
- Post-event surveys collect feedback from members to ensure we continue to improve our products and services aimed at supporting PFM reform in member countries



B CoP Tirana, Albania Feb 26, 2013

BCOP Executive Committee Members

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REFORMS DISCUSSED SINCE 2013

- One meeting of all BCOP members
 - **Selected aspects of program budgeting and performance management** in Tirana, Albania, from February 25-28, 2013, attended by 21 countries
- Five study visits for sub-groups of members
 - Georgia on **IT system for budget planning** in Tbilisi from April 15-18, 2013 attended by 6 countries.
 - UK on **education financing reforms** in London from April 23-25, 2013 attended by 6 countries.
 - Ireland for BCOP Executive Committee on **spending reviews** from 11-14 November, 2013 attended by 7 countries.
 - Poland on **program budgeting at the local level**, in Cracow from December 9-12, 2013 attended by 7 countries.
 - Austria on the **role of Austria's Parliament in budgeting** in Vienna from January 30-31 2014 attended by 5 countries.

REFORMS DISCUSSED SINCE 2013 (continued)

- One working group meeting
 - **OECD budget practices and procedures survey peer review** meeting in Riga on June 26, 2013 attended by 10 countries.

- Other Executive Committee activities:
 - Participation in **OECD Senior Budget Officers meeting** June 27-28, 2013, Latvia to promote knowledge exchange with OECD and OECD accession countries in ECA

 - Cross-COP executive and Steering Committee meeting to plan for **proposed event for all COPs on fiscal transparency and accountability** in Moscow, Russia in 27-29 May 2014 (BCOP, TCOP, IACOP executive, July, Bohinj, Slovenia)

 - Two video-conference meetings on **wage bill management** (November 2013, February 2014)



Study visit to Georgian MoF, April 2013



At UK HM Treasury – April 2013



Dublin, Ireland – November 2013



Cracow, Poland – December 2013

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS DEVELOPED

- **Benchmarking and expanding internationally available data on PEMPAL countries** budget practices and procedures: Joint collaboration between BCOP and OECD for participation in the budget practices and procedures survey (allowing benchmarking of 13 PEMPAL member countries with OECD and other countries).
- **Background paper on reforms** to support study visits. After each study visit, the resource team coordinates the preparation of a report that summarizes the presentations and also provides an update of the status of reforms in the countries participating. These are available on the www.pempal.org website (under 'Activities', 'BCOP')
- **Results of thematic surveys** provide snapshots on status of PFM reforms in our member countries. These surveys have been conducted on wage bill management, and on results-based monitoring and evaluation.
- **Translation of technical research and policy papers** to support meetings: eg IMF, Role of the Legislature in Budget Processes. Previous translations include Performance-based Budgeting Manual by Marc Robinson, UK Green Book (capital project appraisal). Refer to the PEMPAL library for copies of these papers.

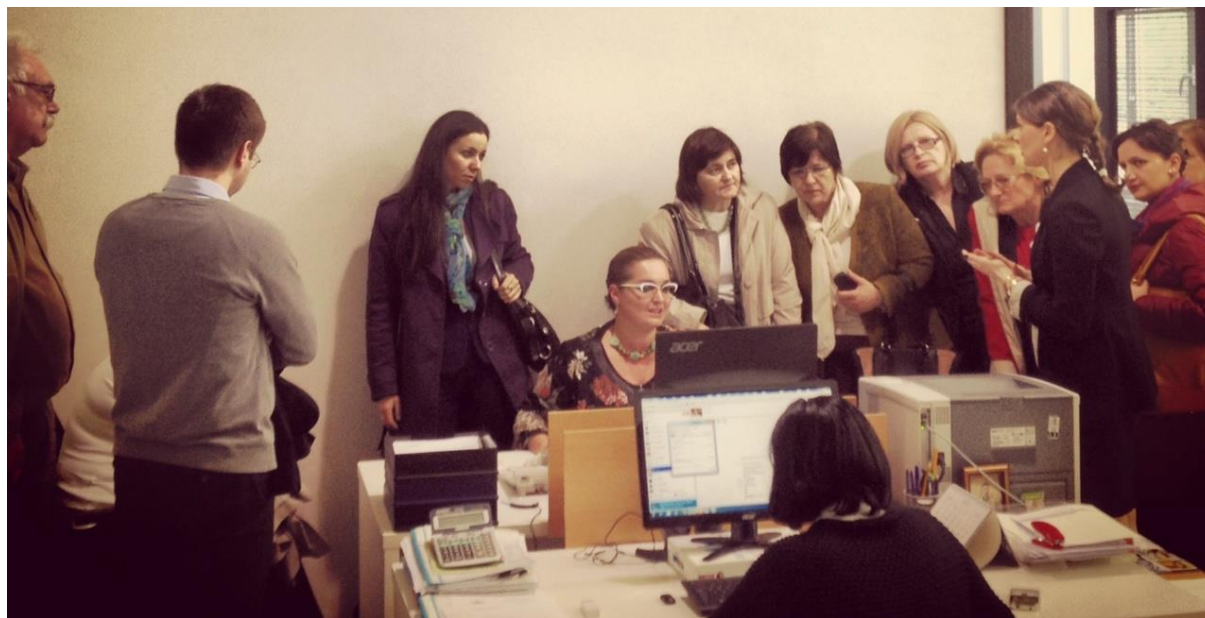
KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS DEVELOPED

Resource Team research

- Synopsis of **macro-fiscal trends** in PEMPAL countries
- Synopsis of recent research in **fiscal consolidation efforts**
- Continued monitoring and analysis of **BCOP membership quality** (including analysis of organisational structure of PEMPAL countries' Finance Ministries to ensure proper targetting)
- Collation and analysis of available **fiscal transparency and accountability assessments** (to be distributed for cross-COP meeting in May)
- Collation of **examples of key performance indicators by sector** for distribution at the proposed Cross-COP May meeting in Russia

BCOP CHALLENGES

- Involvement in the network impacted negatively by the demands of the budget process – budget calendar:
 - Preference of members for only one plenary a year. Challenge of how to provide effective assistance within this context. Trend to more smaller targeted events being requested. 2012 independent evaluation recommended increased focus on knowledge products to support members' PFM reform work.
- Have intensive need for translation given three languages represented in Executive Committee and network.



BCOP FUTURE

For 2014-15 the Steering Committee has approved a budget of 415,000 USD – funded by Russian Federation and SECO

Indicative BCOP action plan

- Plenary meeting February, 2015 180,000 USD
 - Two Study Visits, 100,000 USD
 - Development of Knowledge Products by Working Groups 90,000 USD
 - Attendance by BCOP Executive at annual OECD SBO meeting 45,000 USD
- We need to know your PFM reform priorities to further develop this plan

WE WANT INFORMATION FROM YOU:

(brought to you by Deputy Chair, on behalf of BCOP Executive Committee)

- Announcements on how the BCOP Executive Committee plan to collect information on:
 - Topics for next plenary meeting and study visits - Day 3
 - Useful knowledge products and research you would like done - Day 3
 - Any offers for your country to host meetings would be great! (Costs to be covered by PEMPAL) – Day 3
 - Feedback on how this meeting is going and areas of improvement for the future
 - Any key external messages to stakeholders
 - Social reporters

Questions?

Thank you for your attention

