

# Parliamentarians and the World Bank Group

## Europe and Central Asia Region

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# Why MPs and ECA?

- Convene MPs from ECA countries to share development experience and knowledge with each other and the World Bank
- Share latest World Bank research and findings
- Build deeper understanding of key issues among MPs responsible for or interested in development assistance
- Build deeper understanding of World Bank's role in transition and developing countries

# 2006 – Greece

- 40 MPs from Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey
- Co-sponsored by the Hellenic Parliament and Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy
- Theme was “*Towards a Common Economic Space for Southeast Europe*” with sub-focus on Greece’s experience in EU Accession
- Topics discussed – Education, Energy, Good Governance, Public Finance, Trade and Transport, Environment.



# 2007 - Slovenia

- 40 MPs from Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, and Ukraine.
- Co-sponsored by the Ljubljana-based Center for Excellence in Finance
- Theme was on *Slovenia's Experience with EU Accession*
- Topics included – Migration, Role of Regional Development in Europe, Transforming Judicial Systems, and PPP's in Infrastructure

# 2008 - Albania

- 40 MPs from Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine
- Co-sponsored by Albanian Parliament
- Theme – *“Looking Beyond Transition”*
- Topics – Investment Climate, Food and Energy Prices, Ageing and Demography

# 2010 - ?

- Tentatively slated for fall of 2010 – location tbd
- Possible future partnership with the Nordic-Baltic Parliamentary Assembly?
- Thank You