We want to report on interesting progress in respect of the Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Private Sector Evaluation. There has been quite some activity within the Private Sector Evaluation TWG during the past months, which resulted in the establishment of four Sub-groups to allow the members to focus on specific topics of their interest and be more action oriented. Fredrik Korfker, who leads the TWG on Private Sector Evaluation, found the following members to commit themselves to lead or co-lead one of the Sub-groups:

1. The Sub-group on the evaluation of Financial Intermediaries (including SMEs) will be co-lead by Anders Grettve (independent consultant and former EBRD Senior Evaluation Manager) and Stoyan Tenev (Manager Private Sector Evaluation, IEG, World Bank Group);

2. Sub-group on the Evaluation of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) is lead by Mehmet Uzunkaya (Senior Planning Specialist, Ministry of Development, Middle East Technical University);

3. Sub-group on Corporate Self-Evaluation (including Corporate Social Responsibility) will be co-lead by Romm Santos (Executive Director at WORKLAND M&E INSTITUTE, President Philippinas Evaluation Society, University of the Philippines) and Sara Vaca (Evaluation Specialist);

4. Sub-group on Specificity and Dynamics of Private Sector Evaluation will be co-lead by Marvin Taylor-Dormond (Director of Evaluation, IEG, World Bank Group) and Fredrik Korfker (Consultant and former Chief Evaluator of the EBRD).

Fredrik and another member of the TWG, Nicolas Mathieu (independent consultant and former Senior Economist in EBRD’s evaluation department) prepared a Guidance Note on the themes of the above-mentioned Sub-groups. A copy of this Note is attached¹. One of the immediate tasks of the Sub-groups will be to prepare Work a Programme for the coming 12 months and to formulate action plans to intensify knowledge on the themes and to exchange individual lessons and experiences among the members.

¹ See attachment