

Dear President,
Dear Governors,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a honor to address this distinguished assembly on behalf of Montenegro. I would like to thank the EBRD for the opportunity to share our reflections on the Strategic and Capital Framework 2026–2030 — a document that outlines an ambitious and timely course for the Bank’s future.

Montenegro fully supports the Framework’s three key priorities: improving economic governance, advancing the green economy, and investing in people, including through gender equality and equal opportunities. These are not only strategic pillars for the Bank but also priorities for Montenegro as we continue our journey toward EU membership and economic modernization. The integration of governance reforms, climate action, digital transformation, and human capital development offers a comprehensive vision that aligns closely with our national reform agenda.

We commend the Bank’s commitment to increasing private sector mobilization and leveraging digital technology to accelerate progress. The newly proposed targets—€5 billion in private investment mobilization and €150 billion in green investments—demonstrate the Bank’s determination to expand its impact. We believe these goals are both ambitious and necessary in light of the global challenges ahead.

We are also grateful for the Bank’s continued support for countries in earlier stages of transition. Montenegro, along with other countries in our Constituency, continues to benefit greatly from EBRD engagement. We are still building strong institutions, modern infrastructure, and a dynamic private sector. We encourage the Bank to maintain its deep involvement in our region — particularly in energy, transport, digitalization, and sustainable tourism.

In closing, we reaffirm our strong support for Ukraine and the EBRD’s leading role in its recovery and resilience. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and we welcome the SCF’s ambition to scale up investments to €3 billion annually once conditions allow.

Furthermore, we appreciate the focus on sound financial management in the SCF. Ensuring that the Bank remains financially robust and sustainable, while expanding its reach and effectiveness, is essential. We support the proposed capital utilization and cost-efficiency measures as a prudent and responsible approach.

To conclude, Montenegro sees the SCF 2026–2030 as a forward-looking and well-balanced plan. We are proud to be part of this shared vision, and we look forward to continued cooperation with the EBRD and our fellow Governors in making it a success.

Thank you for your attention.