

AGENDA

**EBRD Civil Society Programme
at the Annual Meeting 2019**



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8 - 9 May 2019

Hotel Holiday, Zmaja od Bosne 4, Sarajevo, BiH

Wednesday, 8 May

08.30 - 09.00

Welcome coffee with the EBRD Civil Society Engagement Unit

Main Hall
Ante Area

09.00 - 09.30

Introduction to the EBRD Civil Society Programme

CSO Meeting room 1
Level 1
Hotel Holiday

- Alan Rousso, Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD
- Meltem Ankara, Head of the Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

Open session

In this opening session, the EBRD's Civil Society Engagement Unit will provide an overview of the Civil Society Programme, present modalities for engagement in meetings with the EBRD President and Board of Directors, and introduce the CSO exhibition 'Connecting for Solutions'.

The CSO exhibition '**Connecting for Solutions**' is a new feature at the EBRD Annual Meeting, where civil society organisations will display solutions to local and regional challenges in the areas of good governance, economic inclusion, environmental protection and climate resilience. Join us between 9.00 and 17.00 on 8-9 May in the Networking Area, level 1, Parliamentary Assembly Building.

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EBRD Transport Strategy review

Facilitator: Luisa Balbi, Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director, Head of Infrastructure, Russia and Central Asia, EBRD
- Sue Barrett, Director, Head of Infrastructure Turkey, Middle East and Africa, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Mikko Venermo, Lead Oversight Adviser, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD

The EBRD is approaching the review of its Transport Strategy, which provides strategic directions for EBRD investments in the transport sector (e.g. construction of roads, railways, airports, and ports). The session will provide an overview of the implementation of the past strategy and look at the connectivity challenges that will be considered for the draft of the new Transport Strategy.

09.30 – 10.30

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Dialogue on cases under the Project Complaint Mechanism

- Olga Vasiliev, Principal, PCM, EBRD
- Sarah Hanes, Principal, PCM, EBRD

The session is for the discussion of active cases under review by the EBRD's Project Complaint Mechanism.

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EBRD Projects in Power, Energy and Natural Resources

Moderator: CEE Bankwatch Network

Facilitator: Marianna Wiedenbeck, Acting Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Aida Sitdikova, Director, Head of Energy, Eurasia, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Eric Rasmussen, Director, Natural Resources, EBRD
- Harry Boyd-Carpenter, Director, Head of Power and Energy Utilities, EBRD
- Henry Russell, Director, Financial Institutions, Western Balkans, EBRD

An interactive discussion with EBRD management about specific EBRD investment projects and related policy issues in the Power and Energy and Natural Resources sectors.

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Dialogue on the new Independent Project Accountability Mechanism and the 2019 Project Accountability Policy

- Sarah Hanes, Principal, PCM, EBRD

The Independent Project Accountability Mechanism (IPAM) is replacing the Project Complaint Mechanism (PCM) as the office through which local communities and civil society organisations can seek an independent review of environmental, social, and transparency-related concerns regarding Bank Projects.

This session will provide an opportunity for discussion of IPAM's new features and case handling processes, as outlined in the revised 2019 Project Accountability Policy.

12.30 - 13.30

Networking lunch

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Investing for impact and financial returns: trade-off or trade-on?

Parliamentary
Assembly Building

Moderator: Alan Rouso, Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD

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- Zoran Puljic, Director, Mozaik Foundation
- Margaret Kuhlow, Finance Practice Leader, WWF International
- Mila Lukic, Partner, Social Sector Funds Bridges Fund Management
- Rosanna Sarkeyeva, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia, Triodos Investment Management

Level 1

Open session

Can large scale impact investors really do good by doing well? Or is there a trade-off between financial returns and social and environmental impact? Increasingly, the 'value' sought by commercial investors (internal rate of return) and the 'values' promoted by civil society (protecting the planet and people) are aligned – long term value creation for all stakeholders depends on managing environmental, social and governance risks and other sustainability issues. This panel will explore ways that business and civil society can work together to optimise approaches to impact investing and join forces to promote sustainable development.

14.30 - 15.30

Green cities and municipal infrastructure – investing in projects and building confidence

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Facilitator: Lena Bodner, Associate Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

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- Susan Goeransson, Director, Head of Infrastructure Europe, EBRD
- Lin O'Grady, Deputy Head, Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure, EBRD
- Nigel Jollands, Associate Director, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Mikko Venermo, Lead Oversight Adviser, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD

At this interactive session where CSOs can learn more about the EBRD Green Cities Framework and its related stakeholder engagement opportunities and discuss with EBRD management about specific EBRD investment projects and related policy issues in the municipal infrastructure sector.

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A coffee with FAIRR – The Coller FAIRR Protein Producer Index and vulnerability to anti-microbial resistance

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- Maria Lettini, Director, Farm Animal Investment Risk and Return (FAIRR) Initiative

Antibiotics mismanagement is the most poorly addressed risk among producers of animal proteins for human consumption, an industry that is the primary global consumer of medically important antibiotics. Many listed companies that make up a critical part of the global food chain are exposed to the growth in anti-microbial resistance in addition to environmental and social megatrends such as climate change, increasing biodiversity loss and land use change. Without proactive management, these issues could significantly damage the profitability and viability of companies, as well as the complex ecosystems and conditions critical to global food security.

16.00 - 17.00

Just transition in the Western Balkans and beyond – avoiding “stranded communities” in cooperation with civil society

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Moderator: Elisabetta Falcetti, Director, Sector Economics and Policy, EBRD

- Vedad Suljic, Director, Regional Education and Information Centre for Sustainable Development in South-East Europe (REIC)
- Oben Çoban, Director, External Relations and Strategy, Save the Children Turkey
- Deger Saygin, Director, SHURA Energy Transition Center
- Peter Vajda, Senior Environmental Expert, Energy Community Secretariat
- Petr Hlobil, Campaigns Director, CEE Bankwatch Network

The challenges related to energy and climate change do not only have environmental but also significant social impacts. Jobs in traditional industries are disappearing, while new high-quality employment is scarce and not accessible to all. Panelists will explore how civil society can play a role in connecting for solutions to manage a “just transition” towards inclusive and resilient, low-carbon economies, where “stranded communities” and “stranded workers” are avoided.

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Gender and Economic Inclusion - paving the way to equal opportunities

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Moderator: Alan Rouso, Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD

- Barbara Rambousek, Director, Gender and Economic Inclusion, EBRD
- Bahar Kayserilioglu, Director, Private Sector Strategy Group, KAGIDER
- Cesare Onestini, Director, European Training Foundation

EBRD's first Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality (2016-2020) is in the second half of its implementation period. The session will provide an update on the achievements so far - in terms of operations, policy engagement and institutional capacity building - as well as planned activities until 2020. It will also include a short summary of the Bank's Economic Inclusion Strategy which will reach its mid-point this year. The session will welcome a panel discussion with a focus on promoting women's and men's equal access to employment and skills as well as entrepreneurship opportunities, engaging distinct actors to discuss best practices in leveraging the key role of the private sector in this context. The session will aim to deepen participants' understanding of how EBRD partners with other IOs and NGOs to promote gender equality and inclusion and reiterate the importance of applying a gender-lens to investments to ensure inclusive transition in the EBRD region.

19:30-22:00

Cultural Performance and Reception for All Participants

Zetra Hall

Cultural Reception for all Annual Meeting Participants with a welcome address by HE Denis Zvizdić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Coach transfer from 18:45 at the Parliamentary Assembly Building.

The Host Country, with its capital often referred to as the European Jerusalem, famed for its multicultural society, has created a unique, immersive experience, for all participants of the EBRD Annual Meeting 2019. Specially designed for this occasion, the reception and cultural performance will take place in the great Olympic hall, demonstrating the true power of diversity. This program aims to present Bosnia and Herzegovina through its unique and diverse cultural characteristics.

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Public procurement open to businesses and local communities

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Moderator: Milica Delevic, Director, Governance and Political Affairs, EBRD

Open session

- Karolis Granickas, Open Contracting Partnership
- Lejla Sadiku, UNDP Innovation
- Alexandra Martinovic, Transparency International, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Anastasiya Kozlovtseva, DOZORRO, Transparency International Ukraine
- Dmitry Palamarchuk, Data Centre, Kiev School of Economics

The movement for Open Government has created the means for revolutionising the way governments work across the world, generating the space for active citizen participation and driving efficiencies in governments. The panel will discuss how more transparent procurement processes can have an impact on improving competitiveness, lowering barriers to entry for SMEs, as well as curbing corruption and strengthening trust in the process.

09.15 – 10.30

Climate finance and sustainability

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Moderator: CEE Bankwatch Network

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Facilitator: Marianna Wiedenbeck, Acting Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Terry McCallion, Director, Head of Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, EBRD
- Nigel Jollands, Associate Director, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, EBRD
- Mikko Venermo, Lead Oversight Adviser, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD

This session will provide an overview about the EBRD portfolio on green finance, with a particular focus on the sustainability challenges related to climate finance. Participants will exchange perspectives about the concept and parameters to define green business, green investments and sustainability.

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Town hall with EBRD President Suma Chakrabarti

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Moderator: Meltem Ankara, Head of Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Suma Chakrabarti, President, EBRD

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The meeting with the EBRD President and senior management will provide an opportunity for civil society representatives to discuss the Bank's strategic priorities, major policies and operations.

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Launch of the new EBRD good governance policies

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- Opening speech by Suma Chakrabarti, President, EBRD
- Environmental and Social Policy by Mikko Venermo, Lead Oversight Adviser, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Access to Information Policy by Anna Samolis, Principal, Board and Institutional Affairs, Office of the Secretary General, EBRD
- Project Accountability Policy by Sarah Hanes, Principal, Project Complaint Mechanism, EBRD

Open session

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Networking lunch

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Looking ahead to the EBRD 2020-2024 Property and Tourism Strategy

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Facilitator: Luisa Balbi, Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement Unit, EBRD

- Vlaho Kojakovic, Director, Property and Tourism, EBRD
- Henry Fletcher, Principal, Create Fund, Property and Tourism, EBRD

Open session

The EBRD is approaching the review of its Property and Tourism Strategy, which will guide the Bank's investments in the sector for the timeframe 2020-2024. The session will look at the results achieved so far, and outline the main strategic priorities for the sector.

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Meeting with EBRD Board of Directors

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Board Chair: Horst Reichenbach, EU Board Director and Chair of the Board Steering Group

This will be an opportunity for civil society representatives to interact with the EBRD Board of Directors, and discuss issues of interest and concern regarding the Bank's policies and major investment operations.