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Event Announcement: Webex meeting between EBRD Board of Directors and Civil Society

We are pleased to announce, the organisation of an online Webex meeting in lieu of the cancelled 2020 EBRD Annual Meeting and Civil Society Programme. This will take place on Monday 5th October, 2020, 09.00 – 10.30AM (UK). For more information and to register, [please click below.](#)

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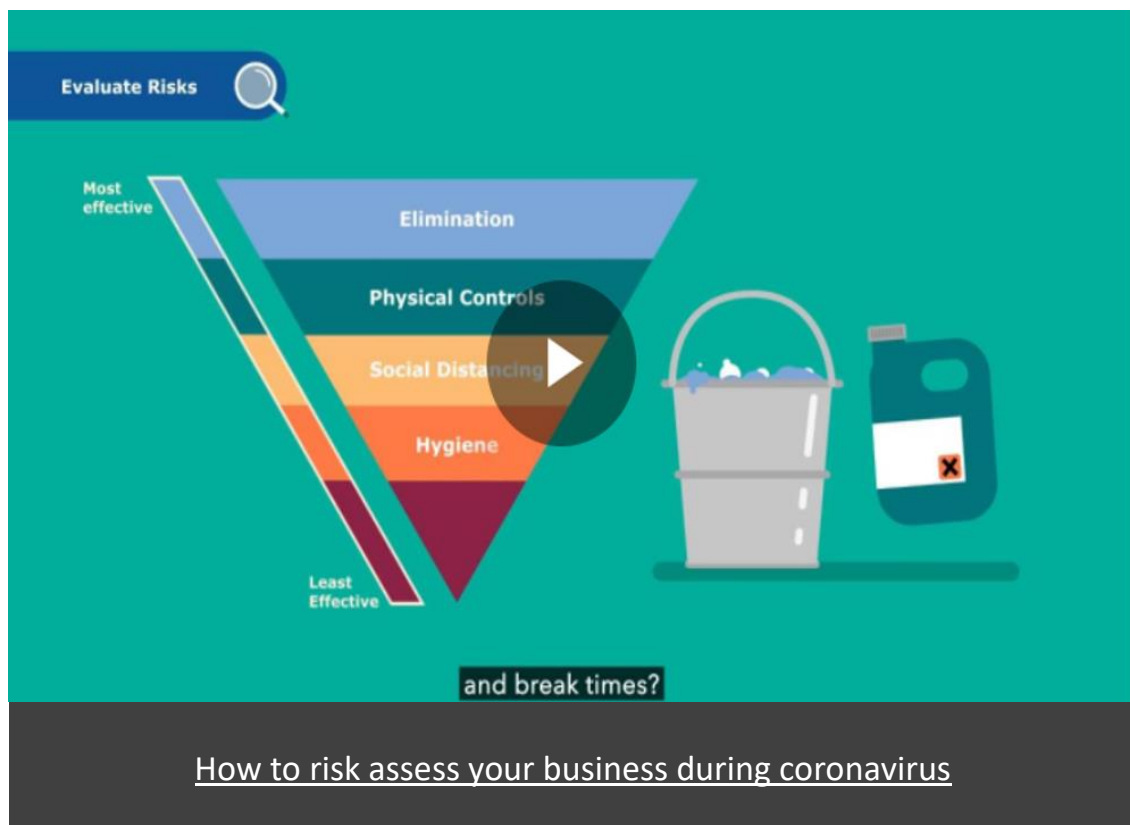


Civil Society Covid-19 consultations so far...

We have conducted 20 online consultations with Civil Society since March in a virtual setting. We would like to thank all who participated for their feedback and questions. Still to come we have: Belarus, Jordan and Turkmenistan. Dates will be confirmed later in the year. If you are interested in participating, please email CSO@ebrd.com

Introducing Olena, the new Head of the Civil Society Engagement Unit

We are pleased to announce that our interim manager, Olena Koval, has been appointed permanent Head of the Civil Society Engagement Unit (CSEU). She comes with a wealth of experience at the EBRD, and shall be joint head of both CSEU and the Private Sector Partnerships Hub. We wish Olena congratulations and all the best in her role!



EBRD Covid-19 solidarity package in action across our regions of operations

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Digitalisation and its Discontents; *the need for a digital transformation of civil society and our digital civil society programme*

Almost six months down in the blink of an eye and what can I say? What a strange time indeed. My world suddenly became a lot smaller; only seeing my housemates and occasionally my brother in person, I, along with everyone else, found my life propelled to an entirely digital setting, like something from a science fiction film.

The Civil Society Engagement Unit (CSEU) also found itself transferred entirely to a digital setting. On top of the usual annual schedule of country and sectoral policy and strategy consultations which will now take place in a virtual setting, we, like everyone else, prioritised the Covid-19 response and have so far organised and hosted 20 online consultations with civil society representatives to understand the needs of civil society during the crisis in our regions of operations.

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Virtual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing with Oxfam

The EBRD's very first virtual signing took place during lockdown with previous EBRD President, Sir Suma Chakrabarti and Oxfam GB Chief Executive Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah exchanging signatures on ipads! The EBRD and Oxfam, one of the world's leading charities, are joining forces to strengthen the communities where they work to promote sustainable civil societies in light of the coronavirus pandemic

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