

EBRD Civil Society Programme at the Annual Meeting 2017

Agenda



Tuesday, 9 May – Home for Cooperation

Markou Drakou 28, Nicosia

Open to all participants of the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum

16.00 – 17.30

Panel: The Role of Cypriot Civil Society in Promoting Economic Development for Reconciliation

Moderator: Ms Esra Aygin, Freelance Journalist

- Mr Costas Apostolides, Visiting Lecturer, University of Malta, Pax Cypria Cyprus Institute for Peace
- Mr Leonidas Paschalides, Senior Manager, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Mr Mustafa Erk, Member of the Executive Board, Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce
- Mr Marios Missirlis, Cyprus Coordinator, Stelios Philanthropic Foundation
- Ms Selen Lermioglu, Capacity Development Expert, Civic Space

Organised by the NGO Support Centre, this roundtable discussion will explore the role of Cypriot civil society in developing socio-economic relationships across the green line and how economic collaboration can pave the way towards longstanding peace. Participants of the panel will present the work of their organisations, highlighting different approaches to bi-communal cooperation that range from grassroots initiatives to private sector collaboration, and discuss the way forward for Cypriot civil society. The panel will be hosted at the symbolic Home for Cooperation (H4C), a unique site for civil society dialogue.

Due to capacity restrictions at the event venue, please e-mail Luiz Loures at louresl@ebrd.com to express your interest in attending. Access to the event at the Home for Cooperation will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

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Wednesday, 10 May – Filoxenia Conference Centre

Thrakis 17, Nicosia

09.30 – 10.00 **Networking breakfast**

CSO Networking Area

CSO Meeting Room 1

Closed session – open only to civil society participants

10.00 – 11.00

Town hall with EBRD President Suma Chakrabarti

Moderator: Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head of Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Pierre Heilbronn – Vice President, Policy and Partnerships, EBRD
- Alan Rousso – Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD
- Alistair Clark – Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Nandita Parshad – Managing Director, Energy and Natural Resources

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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CSO Meeting Room 1 - Discussions open to all participants of the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum

11.00 – 12.30

Panel: The Role of Civil Society in Promoting Transition Resilience

Moderator: Cristina Buzasu, Acting Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Alan Rousso - Managing Director, External Relations and Partnerships, EBRD
- Joan Hoey - Regional Director, Europe, The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
- School of Public Policy research team, Central European University

The panel will look into the role of civil society in promoting transition resilience in the EBRD region. Transition is not a linear process and there have been setbacks and reversals along the way. A well-functioning market economy needs 'shock absorbers' that can ensure broad support for market institutions during a downturn. Civil society, operating in the space between the public and private sectors, can play an important part in this.

CSO Meeting Room 2 - Working level sessions open only to civil society participants

11.00 – 13.00

EBRD Projects in Power & Energy Utilities

Moderator: Marianna Wiedenbeck, Associate Manager, Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Nandita Parshad – Managing Director, Energy and Natural Resources, EBRD
- Harry Boyd-Carpenter, Director, Head of Power and Energy Utilities, EBRD
- Aida Sitdikova, Head of Energy and Natural Resources in Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Michaela Bergman, Director, Chief Social Counsellor, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Mikko Venermo, Associate Director, Lead Oversight Adviser, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD

An interactive discussion with EBRD management about EBRD's specific investment projects and related policy issues in the Power and Energy Utilities sector.

13.00 – 14.00

Networking lunch

All guests of the EBRD Annual Meeting, Business Forum and Civil Society Programme are invited to the networking lunch.

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CSO Meeting Room 1 – Discussions open to all participants of the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum

14.30 – 16.00

Panel: Civil Society and Green Cities

Moderator: Marianna Wiedenbeck, Associate Manager, Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Nigel Jollands, Associate Director, Policy & Climate Finance, EBRD
- Dimitri Zenghelis, Co-Head Climate Policy, LSE
- Sorin Ionita, Director, Expert Forum
- Nicholas Stancioff, Co-founder, Latvian Baltic Energy Efficiency Fund

The discussion will focus on the role of civil society in promoting green economy practices in urban areas to overcome the challenges of low energy and resource efficiency in cities and broader climate change issues. The performance of green city parameters is positively linked to an active civil society. The panel will explore partnerships between municipalities, local businesses and CSOs to foster good governance, participatory urban agenda setting, and stakeholder monitoring of green performance and resource management.

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14.00 – 16.00

EBRD Projects in Natural Resources

Moderator: Cristina Buzasu, Acting Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Nandita Parshad, Managing Director, Energy and Natural Resources, EBRD
- Eric Rasmussen, Director, Head of Natural Resources, EBRD
- Aida Sitdikova, Head of Energy and Natural Resources in Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Michaela Bergman, Director, Chief Social Counsellor, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD

An interactive discussion with EBRD management about EBRD's specific investment projects and related policy issues in the Natural Resources sector.

18.00 onwards
Kourion

Reception for all participants

All guests of the EBRD Annual Meeting, Business Forum and Civil Society Programme are invited to the networking reception.
Transportation to the Kourion Amphitheatre available from 16.30

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Thursday, 11 May – Filoxenia Conference Centre

09.00 – 09.30

Networking breakfast

CSO Networking Area

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10.30 – 13.00

World Café Roundtables

Facilitated by Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head of Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Economic inclusion strategy
- Legal transition
- Transition Impact Qualities and the Green economy transition (GET)
- Green cities
- Impact, measuring results and evaluation
- Public Information Policy
- Project Complaint Mechanism
- Civil Society Capacity Enhancement Framework
 - Case study: Sustainable dairy farming in rural Ukraine

Different EBRD teams will be hosting roundtables and presenting recent EBRD initiatives for open discussions in an informal format.

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09.30 – 11.00

EBRD Projects in Transport and Agribusiness

Moderator: Cristina Buzasu, Acting Principal Manager, Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

- Sue Barrett, Director, Head of Transport, EBRD
- Ekaterina Miroshnik, Head of Infrastructure in Russia and Central Asia, EBRD
- Alistair Clark, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Dariusz Prasek, Director, Operations, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Michaela Bergman, Director, Chief Social Counsellor, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- Mark Hughes, Associate Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD

An interactive discussion with EBRD management about EBRD's specific investment projects and related policy issues in the Transport and Agribusiness sectors.

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11.00 – 11.30
Networking Area

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Accountability and the Project Complaint Mechanism (PCM)

- Erica Bach, Project Complaint Mechanism Officer, EBRD
- Olga Vasiliev, PCM Adviser, EBRD

Closed bilateral discussions about ongoing PCM cases.

13.00 – 14.00

Networking lunch

All guests of the EBRD Annual Meeting, Business Forum and Civil Society Programme are invited to the farewell networking lunch.

CSO Meeting Room 1: Closed session – open only to civil society participants

14.00 – 15.30

Meeting with EBRD Board of Directors

Moderator: Biljana Radonjic Ker-Lindsay, Head of Civil Society Engagement, EBRD

Chair: Raphael Bello, Board Director for France, Chair of the Board Steering Group, EBRD

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