Rising to the Climate Challenge

The last 12 months have been a period of climate commitment. Country after country has stepped forward to set a goal of net zero emissions by the middle of this century. However, delivering those commitments means transforming in less than three decades a carbon-dependent economic model; a transition unprecedented in its scale and urgency.

Join John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change, and Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President of the European Commission for the European Green Deal, in conversation with acclaimed economist Mariana Mazzucato as they discuss this extraordinary climate challenge.

Our Natural Capital and Blue Economy

As the world’s attention turns to tackling the climate crisis, how can we ensure our focus is also squarely placed on the preservation of nature and the sustainable management of the ocean economy?

This high-level discussion will centre on the role of the private sector in managing natural capital and marine resources, as well as how to develop and scale new approaches to help policy makers and business leaders value these resources. The discussion will also highlight current green finance initiatives around the world, and explore where institutions and market participants can cooperate to bring the biggest positive impact.

The Future of Capitalism

There is an ongoing debate about the role that the state, market and civil society can play in driving economic development and in the EU’s regions of convergence, and on how to scale the low-carbon transition, the judicious and significance of national champions, and the role of state-owned enterprises and banks. There is also a growing recognition that the private sector must elevate and encourage healthy civic participation and investment.

A panel of prominent experts will discuss these issues, all of which have increased in importance and relevance due to the Covid pandemic, and potentially have significant policy implications for the EBRD and its countries of operations now and in the future.

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