

EIB Board Seminar with Civil Society

Tuesday, 2nd May 2023

“How to maximize EIB’s impact in Europe and beyond – The EU Bank in the spotlight”

EIB headquarters EKI 4226, 98-100 Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, 2950 Luxembourg

10:00 **Registration and Coffee**

10:30 **Welcome Address by**
Mr. Thomas Östros, Vice-President, EIB

10:40 **Impulse talk (1) “New structure, new approach – EIB Global” by**
Mr. Markus Berndt, Deputy Director General, EIB Global

10:50 **Discussion (1) “Partnering for impact: EIB Global” moderated by**
Ms. Shada Islam, Director, New Horizons Projects (NHP)

Kick-off interventions by

- **Ms. Ioanna-Victoria Kyritsi**, Head of Strategy & Policy Division, EIB Global
- **Ms. Eva Smets**, Executive Director Belgium, OXFAM
- **Ms. Shereen Talaat**, Co-Director Mena, Arab Watch Coalition

Moderated Dialogue

Session overview: In 2022 the EIB launched EIB Global, its dedicated arm for its development and partnership activities outside the EU. In this session, the EIB will present the new structure, its vision and approach. The EIB will also share information on its first year of operations and projects. This session will offer an opportunity for civil society to discuss EIB Global’s work in its early stages of implementation. Among other points, civil society is welcome to voice its views on how EIB Global could be leveraged to strengthen engagement with stakeholder groups including local civil society at the country level for greater impact globally.

12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:15 **Impulse talk (2) “EIB as the EU climate and environment bank” by**
Ms. Sonia Dunlop, Programme Leader of Public Banks, E3G

12:25 **Discussion (2) “Bending the curve on environmental degradation and biodiversity loss: climate-nature nexus” moderated by**

Ms. Eva Hernández Herrero, Coordinator, Living European Rivers Initiative, WWF

Kick-off interventions by

- **Ms. Eva Mayerhofer**, Lead Biodiversity Specialist and Head of Environmental Policy Unit, EIB
- **Ms. Susan Chomba**, Director Vital Landscapes for Africa, World Resources Institute
- **Ms. Sonia Dunlop**, Programme Leader of Public Banks, E3G

Moderated Dialogue

Session overview: Climate and environment are inherently linked. Despite the advances made in development and growth, there has been significantly less progress in managing the environment sustainably, thereby eroding countries’ resilience to natural and climate disasters. Vice-versa, addressing the drivers of environmental degradation and biodiversity loss are effective solutions to addressing climate change and food security. In this session, the EIB and civil society actors are invited to share perspectives on relevant approaches and initiatives to address the climate and environmental emergencies in a holistic manner.

13:30 **Lunch**

14:30 **Welcome and Keynote by Mr. Thomas Östros**, Vice-President, EIB

14:40 **Plenary: Open discussion on all issues with EIB Board Members**

Moderation: **Ms. Jacki Davis**, Meade Davis Communications

Session overview: This session will seek to share information on and discuss other key milestones of the EIB in 2022 and 2023 that are of interest to civil society. Civil society will have the opportunity to draw the EIB’s attention to additional priorities - from its perspective - for the year ahead.

15:55 **Closing remarks by Mr. Thomas Östros**, Vice-President, EIB

16:00 **Networking drink**

17:15 **Pick-up for Brussels**