

Civil Society Seminar with EIB's Board of Directors

Luxembourg, 5 February 2018

10:00 – 10:45 **SIDE EVENT: Southern Gas Corridor**

(Room EKI-4118)

- **Andrew McDowell**, Vice President of the EIB
- **Gerassimos Thomas**, Deputy Director General, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Christopher Jones**, Deputy Director General, DG Energy, European Commission

10:30 – 11:00 **Arrival, registration, coffee**

11:00 – 11:45 **Welcome Address by Alexander Stubb**, Vice President

(Room EKI-4226)

Review of the year and a look ahead

- **Klaus Trömel**, Secretary General
- **Luca Lazzaroli**, Director General, Deputy Head of Operations
- **Christopher Hurst**, Director General of the Projects Directorate

11:45 – 13:15 **Sustainable Cities: *Towards a Low-Carbon Future***

Cities around the world are facing many challenges: rapid urban development, pollution and changing demographics to name but a few. In the meantime, they play a key role in trying to achieve the ambitious goal of the Paris Agreement: maintaining global warming below 2 degrees. Transitioning to low-carbon cities is a daunting, but rewarding task.

It is an opportunity to rethink the way cities are organised. Low-carbon transition can be effectively embedded in innovative approaches to urban planning. Such an effort requires cities to engage with a wide range of stakeholders as, despite the ambitious aspirations of many of them, the bulk of carbon emissions typically comes from sources over which they exercise no direct control, such as buildings and private transport.

This session will explore the possible solutions for cities to overcome these challenges as well as the role that finance could play.

(Room EKI-4226) **Introduction by Andrew McDowell**, Vice President

Impulse speakers:

- **Lina Liakou**, Regional Director for Europe and the Middle East, 100 Resilient Cities
- **Mark Major**, Senior Advisor, Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)
- **Eckart Würzner**, Lord Mayor of Heidelberg, President of Energy Cities

13:00 – 14:15 **Lunch**

(Room Belvédère)

14:15 – 15:45 **Gender in Operations: *Financing Women's Economic Empowerment***

Equality between women and men is a matter of fundamental values and human rights. It is also crucial for sustainable development and fairer societies. However, gender inequalities remain a stark reality which comes at a significant cost.

In recent years, a critical mass of actors such as governments, international financial institutions, banks and corporates have decided to tackle the barriers affecting women's potential. The EIB Group's Strategy for Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment is part of this movement towards smarter and more gender balanced economies.

This session will highlight valuable pointers, practices, and ideas already considered by governments and financial players that the Bank could explore when implementing its Strategy.

(Room EKI-4226) **Introduction by Alexander Stubb**, Vice President

Impulse speakers:

- **Madeleine Rees**, Secretary General, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- **Joanna Maycock**, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby
- **Mary Ellen Iskenderian**, President & CEO, Women's World Banking
- **Elise Badoy**, Managing Director and Deputy Head of Research EMEA, Citi

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45 **Policy dialogue session with the Board of Directors**

(Room Belvédère) **Introduction by Werner Hoyer**, President

- Sustainable cities
- Gender
- Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project and further topics of interest

17:45 – 18:30 **Networking Cocktail**

Event moderator: **Jacki Davis**, Meade Davis Communication