

# Supporting Innovation in Bulgaria

## European Investment Bank Group's financial instruments for innovative businesses

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Sofia Hotel Balkan | 5, Sveta Nedelya Square, 1000 Sofia

Moderator: *Atanas Ivanov, Resident Loan Officer in Sofia, European Investment Bank (EIB)*

- 08.30                    **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09.00 – 09.30        **Introductory remarks**  
*Dietmar Dumlich, Head of Division, Central and South Eastern Europe Department, EIB*  
*Martin Danovsky, Chairman of the Management Board, Fund Manager of Financial Instruments in Bulgaria*  
*Ognian Zlatev, Head of the European Commission Representation in Bulgaria*
- 09.30 – 09.40        **Overview of the EIB Group activities in Bulgaria**  
*Atanas Ivanov, Resident Loan Officer in Sofia, EIB*
- 09.40 – 11.10  
(incl. coffee break)    **Objectives and opportunities of the InnovFin Programme**  
*Ignacio Puente-Gonzalez, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission*  
*Tomasz Kozlowski, Head of Innovation & Alternative Financing, European Investment Fund (EIF)*  
*Marc D'hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIB*
- Q&A
- 11:10 – 12.10        **Case studies:**
- Financing Innovative SMEs and small midcaps in Bulgaria**  
1) *Frank Jansen, CFO of KBC Bulgaria and Executive Director of Cibank*  
*Hristo Hristov, President & CEO, DISCORDIA*
- 2) *Kiril Yanchev, Head of Corporate Products and Business Development Division, Raiffeisenbank Bulgaria*
- Matching the need of growth companies in Bulgaria**  
*Marc D'hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIB*
- Q&A
- 12.10 – 12.20        **Concluding remarks**  
*Atanas Ivanov, Resident Loan Officer in Sofia, EIB*
- 12.20 – 13:30        **Networking lunch**