

Supporting Innovation in the Czech Republic

European Investment Bank Group's financial instruments for innovative businesses

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Moderator: *Petr Hladík, Head of Business Development Department, Technology Centre, CAS*

08.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09.00 – 09.30 **Welcome addresses:**

Vazil Hudák, Vice President, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Message from Pavel Bělobrádek, Deputy Prime Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, Chairman of the Research, Development and Innovation Council

Zdeněk Čech, Senior Economic Advisor, European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic

09.30 – 09.50 **Overview of the EIB Group activities in the Czech Republic**

Kristin Lang, Head of Division 'International Banks', Central and South Eastern Europe Dept (EIB)

09.50 – 11.00 **Objectives and opportunities of the InnovFin Programme**

Steve Rogers, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

Tomasz Kozłowski, Head of Innovation & Alternative Financing, European Investment Fund (EIF)

Jiri Chaloupka, SME Guarantee Portfolio, EIF

Marc D'hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIB

Alessandro de Concini, Advisor, Innovation Finance Advisory division, EIB

Q&A

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee break**

11.20 – 12.20 **Case studies:**

1) Financing Innovative SMEs and midcaps in the Czech Republic

Ladislav Dvořák, Strategic Projects Manager, Česká spořitelna

Ondřej Tučný, CEO, BoldBrick

2) Enhancing eco-friendly Research & Innovation activities

Štefan Kuhar, Executive Director, Finance, Tax and Assets Management, Gorenje Group

Q&A

12.20 – 12.30 **Concluding remarks**

Petr Hladík, Head of Business Development Department, Technology Centre CAS

12.30 – 13:30 **Networking lunch**