

# Supporting Innovation in Georgia

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

**15 September 2016, 13.30 – 18.30**

Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency  
7 Innovation Street, TechPark | 0114 Tbilisi, Okrokana

*Moderator: Stefan Wagstyl,  
Financial Times Chief Germany correspondent and former central and east Europe editor*

13.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

14.00 – 14.30 **Welcome address\*:**  
*Irakli Kashibadze, Chairman of Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency*

### **Opening addresses:**

*László Baranyay, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB)*

*Dimitry Kumsishvili - First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development*

*Janos Herman, Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia*

14.30 – 14.50 **Overview of the EIB Group financing options**

*Nathalie Climence, Head of Division 'Corporates', Neighbouring Countries Department, EIB*

14.50 – 16.00 **Objectives and opportunities of the InnovFin Programme**

*Vygandas Jankunas, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission*

*Roland Kampe, SME Guarantee portfolio, European Investment Fund (EIF)*

*Nitan Pathak, Business Development, EIF*

*Marc D'hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIB*

Q&A

16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee break**

16.20 – 17.20 **Case Studies**

### **Supporting Technology driven SMEs through early-stage equity investment**

*Nitan Pathak, Business Development, EIF*

### **Financing Innovative SMEs in Georgia**

*Roland Kampe, SME Guarantee portfolio, EIF*

### **Matching the need of growth companies in Georgia**

*Marc D'hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIB*

Q&A

17.10 – 17.20 **Concluding remarks**

*Stefan Wagstyl, Financial Times Chief Germany correspondent and former central and east Europe editor*

17.20 – 18.30 **Networking reception**

\* *Live interpretation between English and Georgian will be provided throughout the event*