

Supporting Innovation in the Western Balkans

European Investment Bank Group's financial instruments for innovative businesses

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Moderator: *Marko Čadež, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia*

- 13.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 14.00 – 14.30 **Welcome addresses:**
Dario Scannapieco, Vice President, European Investment Bank (EIB)
Mladen Šarčević, Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development of Serbia
H.E. Ambassador Michael Davenport, Head of the EU Delegation to Serbia
- 14.30 – 14.50 **Overview of the EIB Group financing options**
Marguerite Mc Mahon, Head of Division, Adriatic Sea Department, EIB
- 14.50 – 16.00 **Objectives and opportunities of the InnovFin Programme**
Patrick McCutcheon, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
Tomasz Kozłowski, Head of Innovation & Alternative Financing, European Investment Fund (EIF)
Vincent van Steensel, Head of Portfolio Guarantee, (EIF)
Marc D'hooge, InnovFin Programme Manager, EIB
Laura Busato, Innovation Finance Advisory, EIB
Q&A
- 16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee break**
- 16.20 – 17.25 **Case study:**
1) Financing Innovative SMEs in the Western Balkans region
Igor Anić, Member of Executive Board, ProCredit Bank a.d.
2) Enhancing eco-friendly Research & Innovation activities
Štefan Kuhar, Executive Director,
Finance, Tax and Assets Management, Gorenje Group
3) Supporting companies to foster innovation
Natalija Sandić, Programme Manager – International Cooperation and Financing, Innovation Fund
Marko Marinković, Cofounder, COPRIX Media

Q&A
- 17.25 – 17.35 **Concluding remarks**
Marko Čadež, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia
- 17.35 – 18.30 **Networking reception**