



Civil Society Seminar with EIB's Board of Directors

Luxembourg, Monday 30 January 2017

EIB Headquarters – East Building, Luxembourg

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

11:00 – 11:15 **Welcome address**

(Room EKI-4226) by **Jan Vapaavuori**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB)

11:15 – 11:45 **Review of the year and a look ahead**

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

11:45 – 13:00 **Thematic Session 1**

(Room EKI-4226)

Environment and climate: trade-offs between key EU policy objectives

Introduction by **Jonathan Taylor**, Vice-President of the EIB

Speakers:

- **Gerard Bos**, Director of the Global Business & Biodiversity Programme at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- **Wendel Trio**, Director of Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
- **Laszlo Varro**, Chief Economist of the International Energy Agency (IEA)

13:00 – 14:15 **Lunch**

(Salle Belvédère)

14:15 – 15:30 **Thematic Session 2**

(Room EKI-4226)

Ensuring accountability throughout our investments

Introduction by **Andrew McDowell**, Vice-President of the EIB

Speakers:

- **Rosita Hickey**, Head of the Strategic Inquiries Unit of the European Ombudsman
- **Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm**, Research & Advocacy Coordinator of Transparency International EU
- **Hanna Saarinen**, EU Policy Advisor of Oxfam International

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Policy dialogue with EIB's Board of Directors**

(Salle Belvédère)

Introduction by **Werner Hoyer**, President of the EIB

- Environment and climate
- Accountability
- Further topics of interest

17:30 – 18:30 **Networking cocktail**

(Foyer Belvédère)

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

How can policy-driven institutions such as the EIB successfully implement multiple, and sometimes conflicting, policy objectives? Drawing on examples of climate action, biodiversity and energy security, the session will discuss ways to square the circle.

Being a bank and a European institution, the EIB is embedded in a very complex accountability framework made up of EU regulations and policies, Member States, other EU institutions, international bodies, market actors and civil society. The session will therefore cover the implementation of the EIB's comprehensive accountability framework both at project level and at decision-making level.