

PROGRAMME

Civil Society Seminar with EIB's Board of Directors

Luxembourg, 5 February 2018

Boulevard Konrad Adenauer 98, 2950 Luxembourg

10.30 – 11.00 Arrival, registration, coffee

11.00 – 11.45 **Welcome Address by Alexander Stubb**, Vice-President of the EIB

Review of the year and a look ahead

11.45 – 13.15 **Thematic Session 1**

Sustainable Cities: Towards a Low-Carbon Future

Cities around the world are facing many challenges: rapid urban development, pollution and changing demographics to name but a few. In the meantime, they play a key role in trying to achieve the ambitious goal of the Paris Agreement: maintaining global warming below 2 degrees. Transitioning to low-carbon cities is a daunting, but rewarding task.

It is an opportunity to rethink the way cities are organised. Low-carbon transition can be effectively embedded in innovative approaches to urban planning. Such an effort requires cities to engage with a wide range of stakeholders as, despite the ambitious aspirations of many of them, the bulk of carbon emissions typically comes from sources over which they exercise no direct control, such as buildings and private transport.

This session will explore the possible solutions for cities to overcome these challenges as well as the role that finance could play.

Introduction by Andrew McDowell, Vice-President of the EIB

Panellists:

Lina Liakou, Europe Regional Director, 100 Resilient Cities

Mark Major, Senior Advisor, Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT)

Eckart Würzner, Lord Mayor of Heidelberg, President of Energy Cities

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 15.45 Thematic Session 2
Gender in Operations: Financing Women's Economic Empowerment

Equality between women and men is a matter of fundamental values and human rights. It is also crucial for sustainable development and fairer societies. However, gender inequalities remain a stark reality which comes at a significant cost.

In recent years, a critical mass of actors such as governments, international financial institutions, banks and corporates have decided to tackle the barriers affecting women's potential. The EIB Group's Strategy for Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment is part of this movement towards smarter and more gender balanced economies.

This session will highlight valuable pointers, practices, and ideas already considered by governments and financial players that the Bank could explore when implementing its Strategy.

Introduction by Alexander Stubb, Vice-President of the EIB

Panellists:

Joanna Maycock, Secretary-General, European Women's Lobby

Elise Badoy, Deputy Head of Research EMEA, Citi

Mary Ellen Iskenderian, President & CEO, Women's World Banking

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 17.45 Policy dialogue session with the Board of Directors

Introduction by Werner Hoyer, President of the EIB

- Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project
- Sustainable cities
- Gender
- Further topics of interest

17.45 – 18.30 Networking Cocktail

Moderator of the event: **Jacki Davis**, Meade Davis Communication