

# LINKAGES BETWEEN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES: from Setting up the Rules to Impact, Verification, and Reporting

## AGENDA

3 October 2024			
09:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome and opening</b></p> <p>Master of Ceremony: <b>Linda Zeilina-Cross</b>, CEO, International Sustainable Finance Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nenad Mikulić</b>, Chair of Steering Committee, Croatian Association of Experts in Nature and Environmental Protection (HUSZPO)</li> <li>• <b>Kevin Flowers</b>, Deputy Head - Green Finance and Investments Unit, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Laura Altinger</b>, Team Leader for Energy and Environment, UNDP Europe and Central Asia</li> <li>• <b>Hakan Lucius</b>, Head of Sustainability Division, European Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>Alkadevi Morarji Patel</b>, Social Performance and E&amp;S Risk Management Specialist, World Bank Group</li> </ul>		
10:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Setting the rules: Linkages between sustainable finance architecture and environmental assessment and permitting</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Alan Bond</b>, Associate Professor, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom and UNDP consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Julian Toth</b>, Chief Operating Officer, International Sustainable Finance Center</li> <li>• <b>Andrei Gurin</b>, Team Leader - Sustainable Finance Unit, European Commission DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union</li> <li>• <b>Jiří Dusík</b>, Social and Environmental Standards Specialist – Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Development Programme</li> <li>• <b>Romina Aramburu</b>, Senior Environmental and Social Development Specialist, International Finance Corporation</li> </ul>		
11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Do No Significant Harm principle under the EU budget</b> (incl. linkages with the EU Taxonomy and and environmental assessment and permitting)</p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Julian Toth</b>, Chief Operating Officer, International Sustainable Finance Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Judita Cuculić Župa</b>, European Semester Officer, European Commission Recovery and Resilience Task Force</li> <li>• <b>Kevin Flowers</b>, Deputy Head - Green Finance and Investments Unit, European Commission DG Environment</li> <li>• <b>Iakovos Dimitriou</b>, Public Finance and Reform Expert, European Commission DG Structural Reform Support</li> <li>• <b>Natalija Šimunović</b>, Head of Sector, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia</li> </ul>		
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b>		
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16:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Linkages in assessments of: <b>Building construction and renovation</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Adina Relicovschi</b>, Principal Advisor - Sustainable Finance, European Investment Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hanane El Hayek</b>, Head of Section, Sustainable Finance, CERTIVEA, France</li> <li>• <b>Elena Rastei</b>, Vice-president and Certification Director, Romania Green Building Council, Romania</li> <li>• <b>Eva Neudertová</b>, Sustainability expert – Real Estate Finance, Česká spořitelna, Czechia</li> <li>• <b>Vedrana Likan</b>, Managing Partner, Colliers Advisory, Croatia</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Linkages in assessments of: <b>Minimal social safeguards and social standards used by the IFIs and UN agencies</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Alkadevi Morarji Patel</b>, Social Performance and E&amp;S Risk Management Specialist, World Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Linda Zeilina-Cross</b>, CEO, International Sustainable Finance Center, Prague</li> <li>• <b>Anita Turkalj Mihalić</b>, Sustainable Finance, Managing Director, Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development</li> <li>• <b>Flaviu Petean</b>, Social Development Consultant, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Rafael Antonio Corral Coronel</b>, Social Development Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>John Vercoe</b>, Head of Public Asset Sustainability, M&amp;G</li> </ul>
17:30	<b>End of Day 1</b>	

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09:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Linkages in assessments of: Energy production projects</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Robert Adamczyk</b>, Head of Energy Sector, EBRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ante Ćurković</b>, ENCRO, Croatia (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Taisiya Afanasyeva</b>, Energy Economist, International Atomic Energy Agency</li> <li>• <b>Łukasz Szkudlarek</b>, CEO, Ekoverst Poland</li> <li>• <b>Sarina Achterfeldt</b>, Research Associate, RWTH Aachen University, Germany</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Linkages in assessments of: Biodiversity net positive impact projects</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Mario Mesarić</b>, CEO, IRES Ekologija, Croatia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alexandra Jiricka-Pürner</b>, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria</li> <li>• <b>Petra Remeta</b>, Senior consultant, Trinomics, Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Edmund Pragnell</b>, Nature Finance Lead, Credit Nature, UK</li> <li>• <b>Ivana Šarić</b>, impact assessment practitioner, Croatia and UNDP consultant</li> </ul>
10:30	Coffee break	
11:00	<b>Reporting from Thematic Sessions on Assessment Linkages</b>	
12:00	Lunch break	
13:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Linkages in reporting and verification under Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and the EU Taxonomy Reporting rules: from setting the rules to external assurance</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Jurei Yada</b>, Director of Strategic Member State Engagement &amp; Head of EU Sustainable Finance, E3G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adina Relicovschi</b>, Principal Advisor - Sustainable Finance, European Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>Alessandro d'Eri</b>, European Securities and Market Authority</li> <li>• <b>Alenka Recelj Mercina</b>, Head of Sustainability, NLB Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Robert Adamczyk</b>, Head of Energy Sector, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</li> <li>• <b>Simona Melchiorri</b>, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Italy</li> </ul>	
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17:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Take-home lessons: perspectives of the organising partners</b></p> <p>Facilitated by <b>Mario Mesarić</b>, HUZSPO, CEO, IRES Ekologija, Croatia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sladjana Ćosić</b>, Head of the EIB Group Office in Croatia, European Investment Bank</li> <li>• <b>Miguel Coutinho</b>, Social and Environmental Standards Specialist – Latin America and Caribbean, UNDP</li> <li>• <b>Fajar Djati</b>, Social Performance and E&amp;S Risk Management Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Julian Toth</b>, Chief Operating Officer, International Sustainable Finance Center</li> <li>• <b>Giuseppe Magro</b>, Chair of IAIA 25, Italy</li> </ul>	
17:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next steps and closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Nenad Mikulić</b>, Chair of the HUSZPO Steering Committee</p>	
18:00	<b>End of the Symposium</b>	