

07 April 2022
Time-CEST

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTUREPROOF BANKING

09:00 - 09:15

Organizer opening speech & forum rules

09:15 - 09:20

Welcome speech by key partners of the forum

09:20 - 09:50

ESG 2.0: The impact of latest regional & geopolitical developments on the financial sector

- *How would war in Ukraine and sanctions on Russia impact the financial sector of the region*
- *COP26 and update to the NDC, what does it mean for financial institutions in a long term*
- *The impact of taxonomies*
- *Redefining ESG*

09:50 - 10:30

The cooperation of the Government, Central Bank and FIs to promote sustainable finance

- *Update on Central banks that adopted sustainable finance framework in the region*
- *New regulations on sustainable finance. How governments subsidise the green lending*
- *Green tariffs, subsidies and incentives for businesses that decide to implement a green development strategy*
- *Greenwashing and the overall control*

10:30 - 11:00

Networking break

11:00 - 11:40

Sustainability bonds: a hype or long-lasting development?

- *Sustainability bonds beat expectations in post-pandemic recovery*
- *How to scale sustainability bonds?*
- *Challenges issuers face, Case studies*

11:40 - 12:00

Future proof banking: How to navigate through uncertain times

- *Sharing experiences: impact of war Russia-Ukraine and recent developments*
- *Managing local currency risks during and after the wartime*
- *Understanding the changing consumer behaviour in the financial market*

12:00 - 12:30

Next steps to accelerate sustainable finance in EECA countries

- *Challenges and barriers that banks face implementing sustainable finance practices*
- *Integrating gender lens in sustainable Investing*
- *How can big data and digitalization unlock retail green finance?*

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SUSTAINABLE FINANCE IN ACTION

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Financing renewable energy projects and bankability

- *RE finance updates in the EECA region*
- *Managing project finance risks and bankability*
- *Syndicated financing of renewable energy projects*

10:00 - 10:30

Agribusiness sustainability and financing tools in the region?

- *Sustainable agricultural practices in the EECA region*
- *Financial institutions and trends in sustainable agriculture*
- *Integrating smallholders into food value chains and improving food systems*

10:30 - 11:00

Networking break

11:00 - 13:00

Masterclass: ESG assessment and risk management techniques
Climate risk management

Climate change is now firmly on the corporate agenda. More than 90% of global emissions are covered by government mandated net-zero targets. The question is not if we will transition to a low-carbon economy, but when this will happen. In this workshop we will present what climate risk means, how banks, microfinance institutions, asset managers, project sponsors, investors & financiers can manage the risks and capitalize on the opportunities. We will focus on the role of regulators, global best practices, and present case studies from the EECA region.

1. **Introduction and context to climate change and sustainability**
 - a. Sustainability in the banking sector
 - i. *Case studies and implications for banking sector*
 - b. Materiality of Climate Risk: What is climate change and why is it important to companies, investors, and lenders
 - i. *The Climate Risk Ecosystem*
2. **Understanding Climate Risk**
 - a. Different sources of climate risk: physical, transition, and liability
 - i. *Physical climate change: climate change as a physical phenomenon and how it is being experienced within the attendee countries*
 - ii. *The Low-Carbon Economic Transition*
 - iii. *Liability Risks*

- iv. *Impact chains - the impact of climate change on the banking sector, direct and indirect impacts*
- 3. **Regulatory Standards and Disclosure Trends**
 - a. Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
 - i. *The origins, mandate and implications of the TCFD*
 - ii. *The basics of scenario-based analysis on climate-related impacts within the TCFD Framework*
 - b. Trends and Best Practices from the EU
 - i. *Towards a common language: the EU's approach to Climate Risk*
 - ii. *Global implications of EU policy*
 - iii. *Climate Risk and transmission channels*
 - c. Regional regulatory developments
 - i. *NBU Sustainable Finance Development Policy 2025*
 - ii. *Moldova climate and greenhouse gas reduction targets*
 - iii. *Kazakhstan and carbon neutrality*

Experts

The Masterclass will be delivered by experts from Climate Risk Services

<https://www.climateriskservices.com/>

Climate Risk Services was founded by Gerhard Mulder and Stephanie Gniissios in 2019. Bringing together deep climate finance expertise with extensive corporate risk management and strategic decision-making, their vision was to build a company that could support the financial sector and its constituents to embed climate risk as a factor in financial decision-making. Their underlying theory of change is that by embedding climate risk into investment and lending decisions, the financial sector will accelerate a shift in capital flows towards climate mitigation and climate adaptation. CRS' work began and continues in an advisory capacity, working to build capacity within the financial sector by bridging knowledge and language between the financial sector and climate science. Alongside advising clients on how to identify, understand, and assess climate-related risks and opportunities, Climate Risk Services is building tech-based products to scale and deepen the ability to build climate-smart organizations.

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