

Presentation of the Luxembourg-EIB Climate Finance Platform

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Join us for a conversation how innovative finance instruments can help to address climate change!

This event will present the Luxembourg-EIB Climate Finance Platform, which the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have recently finalised. The aim of the platform is to mobilise investments for projects with a strong impact in the fight against climate change, which are financed through funds based in Luxembourg. The platform will allow the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to provide catalytic funding to these funds and – alongside the EIB – mobilise other investors, in particular from the private sector.

With this approach, platform will contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and is a tangible step towards compliance with both Luxembourg's international commitments and the EIB's Climate Strategy. It is the first time a Member State enters into such a partnership for innovative climate finance with the EIB and it establishes further Luxembourg as a sustainable financial centre.

PANELISTS:

- **Werner Hoyer**, President of the EIB
- **Jonathan Taylor**, Vice President of the EIB
- **Pierre Gramegna**, Minister of Finance of Luxembourg
- **Carole Dieschbourg**, Minister for the Environment of Luxembourg

MODERATOR:

- **Shirin Wheeler**, EIB

We look forward to welcoming you!

PANELISTS

Werner Hoyer, President of the EIB



Mr. Hoyer has a PhD in economics from the Cologne University. He started his career as a senior research assistant at the Cologne University and soon became an associate lecturer in international economic relations. In 1985 he became a Member of the German Bundestag where he stayed until 31 December 2011. During his service at the German Bundestag he held several positions before becoming Minister of State at the Foreign Office. In 2000 he became the President of

the European Liberal Democratic Reform Party (ELDR), Brussels and also held the position as Deputy Chairman and Foreign Affairs Spokesman of the FDP parliamentary group. From 1994 to 1998 and then again from 1999 to 31 December 2011, he was Minister of State (Deputy Foreign Minister) at the German Foreign Office, responsible for Political and Security Affairs, European Affairs, United Nations and Arms Control and Commissioner for Franco-German Cooperation. He is President of the European Investment Bank since 1 January 2012 and has been reappointed for a second term, starting 1 January 2018.

Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for the Environment Luxembourg



Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Carole Dieschbourg joined the government as Minister for the Environment on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("d'ei gréng"). At local level, Carole Dieschbourg served as a municipal councillor in Echternach from 2011 to 2013, an office she held until her appointment to the government. Within the programme "Leader+

Müllerthal", Carole Dieschbourg was the project coordinator for "Moulin – inventaire, excursion et sentier régional" ("Mills – inventory, excursion and regional trail") and "Millebuch" ("Book on mills") from 2005 to 2006. In 2007, she published the book Die Mühlen des Müllerthals. Carole Dieschbourg was a board member of Moulin. J.P. Dieschbourg, the family mill business established in 1897, until her appointment to the government in December 2013. Carole Dieschbourg pursued higher education studies in historical sciences as well as German language and literature at the University of Trier from 1997 to 2005, where she was awarded a Master of Arts in 2005.

MODERATOR

Shirin Wheeler, EIB



Shirin Wheeler is currently the Principal Advisor for international media at the European Investment Bank where she has worked since 2015. Before that she was European Commission spokesperson for Regional Policy and a member of Commissioner Hahn's cabinet. For 20 years Shirin worked as a reporter and presenter for BBC TV and radio as Europe Correspondent based in Brussels and health correspondent in London. For her work as presenter of the BBC's The Record: Europe, Shirin

was awarded the first European Parliament Prize for Journalism 2009. Shirin was born in Berlin and educated in Washington DC in the USA, in Brussels at the European School and in Britain, where she obtained a BA Hons in English Literature at Balliol College, Oxford University.

Jonathan Taylor, Vice President of the EIB



Jonathan Taylor has been a Vice President of the European Investment Bank since January 2013. He is a member of the EIB's Management Committee which draws up the Bank's financial and lending policies, oversees its day-to-day business, and takes collective responsibility for the Bank's performance. Mr Taylor has particular responsibility for the Bank's activities in Greece, Cyprus, the United Kingdom and China, Mongolia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and

Vietnam. He also leads on the Bank's work in climate action, circular economy and in other environmental lending policies. Internally, he is responsible for a range of control functions, such as audit, compliance and related matters. Mr Taylor was previously Director General of Financial Services and Stability at HM Treasury (the UK Finance Ministry). He has held a range of posts in both the private and public sectors.

He is a graduate of the University of Oxford, in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Pierre Gramegna, Minister of Finance Luxembourg



Minister Gramegna is a promoter of the diversification of Luxembourg's financial center, in particular with regard to Fintech and sustainable finance. Minister Gramegna also puts a particular emphasis on Luxembourg's role in multilateral development banks. In 2014, Luxembourg became a member of the African Development Bank, and in 2015, Luxembourg was the first non-Asian country to join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. In May 2016, he was elected President of the

Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He currently serves as Member of the Board of Governors at the EIB, as well as the European Stability Mechanism. He is also Luxembourg's Governor at the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Pierre Gramegna joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983 as career diplomat. Prior to joining the government, Pierre Gramegna was also member of the executive board of several companies. He has also been a member of numerous advisory committees. Pierre Gramegna holds a degree in economics and a master's degree in civil law from Panthéon-Assas (Paris II). He is also a doctor honoris causa of the Sacred Heart University of Luxembourg and holds a DEA (postgraduate diploma of advanced studies) in European Union law.