



“Greening the Cooperation”
June 19, 2023
WBG Vienna Office; First Floor

Participants:	Austrian stakeholders (in person, by invitation); Livestream available for outside participants.
Opening & Part 1: Financial Sector and Investment Climate	
09:00-09:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	Opening: WBG Austria – Greening the Cooperation
5’	Welcome by Xiaoqing Yu (Country Director ECCWB, WB)
25’	Panel moderated by Xiaoqing Yu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harald Waiglein (Director General for Economic Policy, Financial Markets and Customs Duties, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria) • Antonella Bassani (ECA Regional Vice President, WB) • Alfonso Garcia Mora (Regional Vice President, IFC)
10:00-11:00	Session 1: Financial Sector Advisory Center (FinSAC) – Financial stability and green transition
10’	Program Presentation – Key facts & achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harald Waiglein (Director of the Department for International Financial Institutions, Austrian Ministry of Finance) • Mario Guadamillas (Practice Manager, FCI, WB)
5’	Video #1. Highlighting FinSAC mandate
7’	Presentation on FinSAC achievements during last 11 years – explaining the 3 Pillars of TA engagements and the knowledge products, including a short overview in numbers and major achievements.
8’	Video #2. Highlights of FinSAC activities and its Path to Green Transition Showcasing the project achievements with the voices of experts & clients, as well as explaining FinSAC’s role in supporting green transition in client countries.
10’	Presentation of FinSAC’s Future Prospects: How to mitigate risks stemming from Climate Change
20’	Panel and Interactive Discussion on FinSAC’s Prospects moderated by Nigel Jenkinson (Former Assistant Director, Financial Regulation and Supervision, IMF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miquel Dijkman (Former FinSAC coordinator, Lead Financial Sector Specialist) • Vahe Vardanyan (FinSAC coordinator, Lead Financial Sector Specialist)
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15-12:15	Session 2: Investment Climate – Creating an enabling environment for green investments and green competitiveness of firms
15’	<u>Program presentation – Investment Climate work in Vienna</u> Asya Akhlaque (Global Practice Manager, Investment Climate, WB) Summarizing key highlights from the dynamic growth of the investment climate unit in Vienna, the presentation will focus on the unit’s work supporting enabling environments for green investments and green competitiveness of firms. Findings from the unit’s recent work examining the effect of multinational enterprises on climate change illustrate the dynamic relationship between multinationals, green technology transfer, the decarbonization of supply chains, and corporate commitments as they relate to climate change. The

45'	<p>presentation will also consider the future of investment climate policy in light of climate change. This is focused on new ways governments can help to attract green, private investment. It also considers how governments can adopt “green” domestic business regulations that encourage firms to adhere to new global environmental standards without imposing excessive burdens on businesses.</p> <p><u>Moderated panel – How to mobilize private investments to meet sustainable development objectives</u> A dynamic panel providing a variety of perspectives and insights on what more can be done to mobilize private capital for climate change and prepare firms to adapt to global environmental regulatory requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mona Haddad (Global Director Trade, Investment & Competitiveness, WB) discusses World Bank operational support to unlock green private investments and foster sustainable private sector development • Rana Karadsheh (Director Europe, IFC) discusses private sector role in meeting development goals, and instruments and approaches for mobilizing private capital for climate, with some IFC project examples. • Luan Dilipi (Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo) highlights practical policy considerations on how to shift a country’s emission to net-zero and mitigate their contribution to climate change. [Virtual connection] • Igor Sekardi (Head of Unit for international relations and markets, Federation of Austrian Industries (IV) provides private sector perspectives on policies and support mechanisms for facilitating green investments. • Mario Guadamillas (Practice Manager, FCI, WB) – Moderator
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch Break (finger food in the office)</i>
Part 2: Danube Water, ECA Climate Change and Cities, Western Balkans Green Recovery	
13:15-13:30	Registration
13:30-14:30	<p>Session 3: Danube Water Program – Improving Capacities and Building a Water Secure and Resilient Danube Region</p> <p>5’ Welcome by moderator Winston Yu (Practice Manager, Water ECA, WB)</p> <p>10’ Introductory presentation Danube Water Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raimund Mair (DWP TTL) • Kati Schilling (Head of IAWD Secretariat) <p>5’ Video about the program</p> <p>10’ Voices from partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elisabeta Poci (Executive Director, Water Supply and Sewerage Association of Albania, SHUKALB) • Taher Kahil (Leader Water Security Research Group, IIASA) <p>30’ Panel discussion moderated by Winston Yu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sameh Naguib Wahba (ECA Regional Director for Sustainable Development, WB) • Birgit Vogel (Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, ICPDR) • Helmut Habersack (Head of the Institute of Hydraulic Engineering and River Research, BOKU University, Vienna)
14:30-15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:00-16:30	<p>Session 4: Supporting Climate Change and Green Recovery in Cities in Europe and Central Asia and the Western Balkans</p> <p>5’ ECA Climate Change and Cities Opening remarks by Elisabeth Gruber (Director Department for International Financial Institutions. Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria)</p>

<p>45'</p> <p>45'</p>	<p>Fireside chat moderated by Sameh Naguib Wahba (Regional Director for Sustainable Development ECA, WB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Trisko (Head of Program – Urban Development Areas for Livable Housing, City of Vienna) • Ovidiu Cimpean (State Secretary, Ministry of European Investments and Projects, Romania) • Anuela Ristana (Deputy Mayor, Tirana/Albania) <p>Western Balkans Green Transition</p> <p>Panel and moderated fireside chat discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Dokić (State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia) • Violeta Philippitsch (Head of Sector EU & International, Umweltbundesamt, Environment Agency Austria). • Adam Cwetsch (Head of European Green Deal Unit, Energy Community Secretariat) • Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee (Practice Manager, ECA Energy & Extractives, World Bank) <p>Moderator: Charis Lypiridis (Climate Finance Specialist, Climate Support Facility)</p>
<p>16:30-16:40</p>	<p>Closing by Elisabeth Gruber (Director Department for International Financial Institutions. Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria) and Sameh Naguib Wahba (ECA Regional Director for Sustainable Development, WB)</p>
<p>16:40-17:30</p>	<p>Reception at World Bank Group Vienna Office</p>