October Days for Sustainable Development

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The EIB Institute was set up within the EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) to promote and support social, cultural and academic partnerships with European stakeholders and the public at large. It is a key pillar of the EIB Group’s community and citizenship engagement. This includes reducing inequalities, enhancing knowledge, innovation and competitiveness and ensuring cohesion throughout Europe.

We offer advice, finance research and knowledge transfer, and provide grants that support EU social cohesion goals via partnerships with local non-governmental organisations (NGOs), universities and academic networks, foundations, research institutes, corporate organisations and governmental bodies.

The Institute supports social innovation and entrepreneurs who aim to generate a social impact (targeting social, ethical or environmental goals) or seek to create and sustain social value, typically related to unemployment, marginalisation of disadvantaged communities and access to education and other basic services.

A flagship initiative, the Social Innovation Tournament, seeks to promote innovative ideas as well as to identify and reward opportunities promising substantial societal benefits or demonstrating best practices with tangible, scalable outcomes. It aims to create social value in connection with the fight against social exclusion.

In the area of microfinance, the Institute complements the actions of the EIB Group through both its Social and Knowledge activities – mainly through grants and sponsorships – by organising conferences and other initiatives and supporting higher education and research enabling the development of microfinance in Europe and beyond.

Financial education is one of the cornerstones of the Institute’s strategy for reducing inequalities. We believe that effective promotion of financial education contributes to social and economic development and are actively expanding our activities in this area.

The University of Luxembourg was founded in 2003. It is a multilingual international university with nearly 6,200 students from 113 different countries and has a strong focus on research. It is located at the centre of Europe, close to the EU institutions and Luxembourg’s financial centre. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FLSHASE) of the University of Luxembourg brings together expertise from the humanities, linguistics, and the cognitive, social and educational sciences. Specialists from across 20 disciplines work within the Faculty. Alongside this discipline-based approach, a very ambitious interdisciplinary research culture has been developed. FLSHASE’s Multidisciplinary Area of Research on Sustainability (MARS) aims to:

- Set up a multidisciplinary – and potentially interdisciplinary – research centre where the various types of expertise currently present in FLSHASE can engage in dialogue about sustainability both within and outside the University by developing common research projects and ad hoc academic tools;
- Increase knowledge and raise awareness regarding the area of sustainability in the academic and international community in Luxembourg by contributing to the Sustainable Development Global Agenda 2030 and building networks among academic, institutional and civil society stakeholders.
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Agenda

October Days for Sustainable Development

Financing the SDGs

Thursday 11 October 2018

12:30 - 14:00  Lunch & Poster session
Showcase of activities of selected flagship initiatives (also available in the networking breaks):

- Caritas
- EIB Group
- Equilibre
- Etika
- LIST - Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology
- Luxembourg Stock Exchange
- Luxflag
- Médecins du Monde Luxembourg
- Microlux
- Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte
- PlasticSwitch

14:00 - 14:30  Institutional Welcome
Francisco de Paula Coelho, Dean, EIB Institute
Georg Mein, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Luxembourg

Keynote Speech
Carole Dieschbourg, Minister of the Environment, Government of Luxembourg

14:30 - 16:00  Session 1. The Financing Gap

Moderator: Heike Rüttgers, EIB

- Marc Bichler, Luxembourgish Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights and Climate Change (speaker)
- David Ashiagbor, Making Finance Work for Africa Partnership
- Emanuele Campiglio, Vienna University of Economics and Business
- Aliana Pineiro, Global Impact Investing Network
- Aldo Romani, EIB
- Jane Wilkinson, Luxembourg Stock Exchange

16:00 - 16:30  Networking coffee break

16:30 - 18:00  Session 2. Financing Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)

Moderator: Bruno Rossignol, EIB Institute

- Stefan Uhlenbrook, UNESCO (speaker)
- Catarina de Albuquerque, Sanitation and Water for All Partnership
- Laure Criqui, Sustainable Development and International Relations Institute - IDDRI
- Ariane König, University of Luxembourg
- Xavier Leflaive, OECD
- Thomas Van Gilst, EIB
Friday 12 October 2018

09:00 - 10:30 Session 3. Financing Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3)

Moderator: Marc Suhrcke, LISER Luxembourg and University of York

Agnès Soucat, World Health Organisation (speaker)
Jean Bottu, Médecins du Monde
Paul Frijters, London School of Economics
Andrea Manca, University of York
Felicitas Riedl, EIB

10:30 - 11:00 Networking coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Session 4. Financing Gender Equality (SDG 5)

Moderator: Richard Amor, EIB

Christian van Dartel, Deloitte Luxembourg (speaker)
Robert Baker, Mercer
Sonia Bhalotra, University of Essex
Randi Davis, UNDP
Eleni Kyrou, EIB
Abeba Tesfai, Enat Bank Ethiopia

12:30 - 12:40 Concluding Remarks

Conchita D’Ambrosio, University of Luxembourg

12:40 - 14:30 Lunch
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly are to be achieved with the participation of all stakeholders – “governments, private sector, civil society and people”.

Every year since 2015, the European Investment Bank Institute and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Luxembourg have organised the October Days for Sustainable Development to contribute to the global debate on the SDGs by enhancing dialogue among stakeholders.

Panellists from the public and private sectors, consultancies, academic and scientific community, impact investors, international organisations, the EIB, NGOs and other experts and key actors will discuss the need for revamping the financial system to embrace the sustainability principles of Agenda 2030. The debate will focus on:

1 - How to leverage public and private financing resources to reduce the funding gap related to the sustainable goals and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

2 - How to mobilise significant financial resources to implement large-scale sustainable investments at a global level, and specifically in poorer regions, with particular attention to the financing of three specific SDGs: Water and Sanitation (#6), Health and Well-being (#3) and Gender (#5).
Francisco de Paula Coelho, Dean of the EIB Institute

Prior to being the Dean of the EIB Institute, he was Director for EIB Operations in Asia and Latin America (2004-2015), after having been Director of the Department for Planning and Settlement of Operations in the EIB Financial Directorate (2000-2004).

Francisco started his career at the EIB in 1987, as a loan officer for the ACP (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific) Countries. In 1989, he became Manager of the EIB’s bond portfolio at the Treasury Department after which he became Head of the Loans Back Office. After graduating from Solvay Business School, University of Brussels, and before joining the EIB, Francisco de Paula Coelho held successively the following positions: financial analyst with Unido, assistant lecturer in Economics at the University of Lisbon and consultant in investment promotion for Emerging Countries in New York, before joining the World Bank, in Washington DC.

Georg Mein, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Luxembourg

Georg Mein has been a Professor of Modern German Literature and Theory since 2006 and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences since 2013 at the University of Luxembourg. He obtained his PhD at the University of Bonn. Prior to joining the University of Luxembourg, he was Assistant Professor of German Literature and Literary Didactics at the University of Bielefeld, Germany, where he also obtained his post-doctoral qualification. He is the founding editor of the journal “Zeitschrift für interkulturelle Germanistik.”
Carole Dieschbourg, Minister of the Environment, Government of Luxembourg

Born in Ettelbruck, Carole Dieschbourg graduated from Lycée Classique d’Echternach in 1997 before studying Historical Sciences and German at the University of Trier, earning a Master of Arts in 2005. In 2005, she became coordinator of “Moulins – inventaire, excursion et sentier régional” (Mills – inventory, excursion and regional trail) under the LEADER Müllerthal programme, publishing “Die Mühlen des Müllerthals (The Müllerthal Mills)” in 2007. In 2011, Carole entered politics as a municipal councillor in Echternach. Following the elections on 20 October 2013, she joined the Luxembourg Government, becoming Minister for the Environment on 4 December 2013. Prior to her governmental appointment, she was a board member of Moulin J.P. Dieschbourg, a family business established in 1897.
Session 1. The Financing Gap

Moderator

Heike Rüttgers, Head of the Institutional and Policy Affairs, Department for Lending Operations in EU Neighbouring Countries, EIB

Heike Rüttgers has been working for the EIB since 1995 on a broad range of lending transactions covering sovereign and corporate lending as well as credit lines and structured finance deals in West and Northern Africa and in the Indian Ocean region. Between 2011 and 2015, she headed the Portfolio Management and Policy Division of the ACP Department (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific - ACP), dealing with all non-operational matters such as the operational and financial management of the ACP Investment Facility, and other policy or strategy matters as well as institutional relationships with stakeholders and visibility. From 2015 to 2018, she then covered the management of all developmental mandates outside the EU as Head of Development and Impact Finance. She took on her present post in the Department for Lending Operations in EU Neighbouring Countries in 2018 in the context of a reorganisation, and now looks after all institutional and policy issues relating to the Bank’s activity in the Neighbouring Countries, with a particular focus on the implementation of the Bank’s Economic Resilience Initiative for the Southern Neighbourhood and the Western Balkans.

An agricultural economist with an MBA, Heike started her professional career as a consultant for SME Promotion and Entrepreneurial Training at Luso Consult GmbH in Cologne, developing and implementing programmes mainly in Africa, but also in Central Europe and Central and Southern Asia.
Session 1. The Financing Gap

Speaker

Marc Bichler, Ambassador-at-Large for Human Rights and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Luxembourg

Marc Bichler is a lawyer by training and a diplomat by choice. The topic of sustainable development runs as a common thread throughout his professional career. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg in 1990 and served consecutively as Deputy Director for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action (1995-2000) and Deputy Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations in New York (2000-2005), then as Director for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action and Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal with residence in Luxembourg (2005-2012). From November 2012 to April 2014, he was the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in New York and is currently serving as Luxembourg’s Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Change and Human Rights. In his successive functions, Mr Bichler has acquired extensive expertise and experience in the field of sustainable development in general and of financing for sustainable development in particular.

Other members of the panel

David Ashiagbor, Head of Secretariat, Making Finance Work for Africa, African Development Bank, Abidjan

David Ashiagbor heads the Making Finance Work for Africa (MFW4A) Partnership Secretariat. MFW4A is a multi-donor funded initiative which supports financial sector development in Africa through research, knowledge management and advocacy. MFW4A is hosted by the African Development Bank, and funded by the EIB, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and through the federal entreprise GIZ, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the Dutch Government.

MFW4A’s priority areas include Financial Inclusion (Digital Finance, Agricultural Finance, SME Finance), Long-Term Finance, which focuses on mobilising domestic resources for long-term investment, and Financial Stability and Governance. David previously managed the Commonwealth’s Private Investment Initiative (CPII), which raised USD 800 million for investment in frontier markets in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and the Pacific. David has also worked for the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the AFD.

He is a graduate of the London School of Economics and the Management School, Imperial College, London.
Session 1. The Financing Gap (Cont.)

Emanuele Campiglio, Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Emanuele Campiglio is Assistant Professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, where he leads the Climate Economics and Finance research area, and Visiting Fellow at the Grantham Research Institute of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He previously worked at the LSE and at the New Economics Foundation. Emanuele is the principal investigator in the “Green Macro” and “Smoothing the Transition” projects. His most recent work focuses on macroeconomic modelling and sustainable finance. Other research interests include growth theory, resource dynamics, climate change economics, finance and banking. Emanuele holds a BSc in Economics from Bocconi University, and an MSc in Cooperation and International Economic Integration and a PhD in Economics from the University of Pavia.

Aliana Pineiro, Research Manager, Global Impact Investing Network

Aliana Pineiro serves as a manager on the research team of the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN). She plays a central role in shaping GIIN’s research agenda, manages study design and execution, and leads dissemination activities to promote GIIN research around the world.

Before joining GIIN, Aliana was an impact evaluator for non-profit organisations, impact investors and social enterprises operating in Latin America, including three years as Director of Evaluation at RUNA, a social enterprise in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Aliana began her career in asset management at ClearBridge Investments in New York. She holds a Master of Arts in International Affairs from The New School and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Boston University.
Aldo Romani, Deputy Head of Funding-Euro, EIB

A graduate in Monetary and Financial Economics of Bocconi University in Milan, Aldo is Deputy Head of Funding, Euro, at the European Investment Bank (EIB), the largest multilateral issuer and the largest issuer of green bonds to date.

Aldo began to integrate social responsibility considerations into the EIB’s funding strategy in 2007, shaping the first green bond ever in that year and overseeing the EIB’s EUR green bond issuance since. He structured the due diligence and upgrade of the EIB’s green bond administration in 2014, coordinated the IFI and GBP working groups on impact reporting harmonisation in 2015/2016, and managed the KPMG audit, leading to the first Independent Reasonable Assurance Report on the EIB’s entire green bond practice (issuance, administration and reporting) in September 2016. He coordinated the EIB’s cooperation with People’s Bank of China/China Green Finance Committee on green bond harmonisation (Joint White Paper of 11/2017) as well as the technical and market-related contributions to the EC’s High Level Experts Group on a green taxonomy for the use of proceeds.

He has won broad market recognition for his engagement and results, receiving Global Capital’s Award for “Overall Most Impressive Green/SRI Bond Funding Official” in 2015, 2016 and 2017 as well as Environmental Finance Magazine’s Green Bond Award for “Personality of the year” in 2018.

Jane Wilkinson, Head of Sustainable Finance, Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Jane’s professional experience spans 25 years, mostly in Luxembourg, where she has “grown up” with the investment management and financial sectors. Over the last decade, her particular focus has been on sustainable finance. At the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, Jane is leading and managing the company’s developments in sustainable finance, including the Luxembourg Green Exchange. Jane is also an appointed member of the European Commission’s Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, which is tasked with assisting the Commission in the development of certain technical areas related to the implementation of its Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth. She is also a regular contributor to and member of a number of national and international sustainability-focused working groups including Luxembourg’s Climate Finance Task Force.

Previously, Jane was a KPMG partner. She built KPMG Luxembourg’s Sustainability Services team responsible for sustainability client engagements and led KPMG’s internal Corporate Social Responsibility programme. She was also responsible for audits and reporting to the boards and audit committees of a number of international groups with Luxembourg investment vehicles.

Jane is a board member of Friendship, an award winning international NGO working to create lasting solutions to the challenges faced by the poor and marginalised communities in Bangladesh.
Session 2. Financing Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)

Moderator

Bruno Rossignol, Communications, EIB Institute

Before joining the Institute, Bruno Rossignol was Deputy Director of the Communication Department at the EIB, after having been Head of Media Relations at Clearstream (2005-2010), Director of Corporate Communications at Exane BNP Paribas (2001-2004), Chief Press Officer at Euronext, as well as personal adviser to its chairman Jean-François Theodore (1995-2001).

Bruno Rossignol started his professional career as a journalist for Agence France Presse where he worked for ten years, notably as Head of Business and Economics Reporting in Washington DC covering the IMF, the World Bank, the Federal Reserve and the US Treasury.

Bruno Rossignol is a graduate from Sciences Po, Paris, and holds a Diplôme d’Études Approfondies in Contemporary History also from Sciences Po.

Speaker

Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme & Director, UNESCO Programme Office on Global Water Assessment

Stefan Uhlenbrook has been working at UNESCO in Perugia, Italy since November 2015. Before that, he worked at UNESCO-IHE as Professor of Hydrology (from 2005), Deputy Director (Vice-Rector) for Academic and Student Affairs (2000-2014) and Director a.i. (acting Rector; 2014-2015). Stefan completed his PhD (1999) and post-doctoral qualification (2003) at the University of Freiburg, Germany. He has also been Professor of Experimental Hydrology at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands since 2009.

Stefan’s main expertise includes water assessments, hydrological process research, river basin modelling and water resource management. Many of his research and development projects have demonstrated the impact of global changes on water cycle dynamics in different hydro-climate regions in Africa and Asia. He is keen on translating science-based water knowledge into effective policies and strategies that contribute to environmental, economic and societal sustainability. Stefan is therefore involved in helping Member States to achieve the SDGs, particularly SDG 6 on Water and Sanitation.
Other members of the panel

Catarina de Albuquerque, CEO, Sanitation and Water for All Partnership

Catarina de Albuquerque is the Executive Chair of the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) global partnership, which aims to achieve universal access to clean water and adequate sanitation for all, always and everywhere. She was the first United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation (2008-2014) and played a pivotal role in the recognition of water and sanitation as human rights by the UN General Assembly in 2010.

Catarina is a Visiting Professor at the Law Faculties of the Universities of Braga and Coimbra (Portugal), as well as at the Lisbon Catholic University. She was awarded the Human Rights Golden Medal by the Portuguese Parliament (10 December 2009) for outstanding work in the area of human rights. Her work in human rights was also honoured by the President of the Portuguese Republic (October 2009) with the Order of Merit, which is a recognition of an individual’s personal bravery, achievement, or service.

She is a member of the Boards of Trustees of the Universal Rights Group (https://www.universal-rights.org/) and of the Shift Project (https://www.shiftproject.org/) and is the Vice-President of the Portuguese Association for Victim Support.

She holds a Law Degree from the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon (Portugal) and a DES from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (Geneva, Switzerland).

Laure Criqui, International Urban Development Specialist, Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (Sustainable Development and International Relations Institute – IDDRI)

Laure Criqui is a specialist in urban development. She has been working at IDDRI since 2016 on the challenges of global urbanisation: access to basic services (water and sanitation), informal urbanisation and planning, digital transition for local governance in developing cities, and more generally international debates around the New Urban Agenda.

Laure holds a PhD in Spatial and Urban Planning from University of Paris-Est (LATTES) on the extension of electricity, water and sanitation networks in the precarious neighbourhoods of Delhi and Lima. Previously, she worked for four years at the French Embassy in Morocco and for international cooperation projects of the French Ministry of Sustainable Development.

Laure is involved in various professional associations: Network Projection (young professionals for basic services), AdP-Villes en développement, Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-Aerus) and the (Re)sources think tank. She teaches on several universities Masters courses.
Ariane König, Senior Researcher, University of Luxembourg

Ariane König is a Senior Researcher at the University of Luxembourg. She conducts transdisciplinary research on social learning for sustainability in complex social-ecological-technological systems. She built and coordinates the innovative Sustainability and Social Innovation study programme. Her most recent book “Sustainability Science: Key Issues” was published by Routledge in 2018. Ariane is an invited member of the national Conseil Supérieur pour un Développement Durable (Higher Council for Sustainable Development) and the European Statistical Advisory Committee.

Before coming to Luxembourg, Ariane was employed at the universities of Harvard and Oxford, where she conducted research and taught post-graduate and executive training courses on governance of new technologies and risk, with a focus on agricultural food production. Prior to this, she was Regulatory Affairs Manager and Scientific Affairs Coordinator for a leading multinational life science corporation. She has also worked as an independent scientific consultant for the OECD, the European Commission, and EU research consortia. Ariane König holds a Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degree in Biochemistry from the University of Cambridge, Emmanuel College.

Xavier Leflaive, Head of Water Team, Environment Directorate, OECD

Xavier Leflaive leads the Water Team in the OECD Environment Directorate. Xavier promotes policies that contribute to water security and sustainable development. His work covers (i) issues related to pricing and financing; (ii) innovation in water management and water services; (iii) the reform of water allocation regimes; and (iv) diffuse water pollution.

Most recently, Xavier coordinated the Recommendation of the OECD Council on water, which captures the main policy guidance from the OECD on water. He spearheads the Roundtable on Financing Water, which endeavours to bridge the financing gap in the water sector. Xavier has facilitated water policy reforms in Brazil, Ireland, Korea, the Netherlands, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Xavier studied business administration and social theory in France, Canada and the UK. He holds a PhD in Social and Political Sciences from the University of Cambridge, UK. He teaches public and corporate management at Sciences Po, Paris.
Thomas Van Gilst, Head, Water Security & Resilience Division, EIB

Thomas van Gilst is Head of the Water Security and Resilience Division (previously “Water Management”) within the European Investment Bank’s Projects Directorate since 2016. The Bank finances some EUR 3 to 4 billion worth of water and wastewater as well as flood protection projects annually and follows the investments from preparation to completion of works.

Trained as a water resources engineer at the Technical University of Delft, the Netherlands, he first worked with Royal Haskoning, a Netherlands-based Engineering Consulting firm, as a consultant in the fields of irrigation, water, wastewater and urban drainage. He later worked in business development with Enron and Thames Water, both in London. With Thames Water, he was heavily involved in setting up WSUP (Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor), a private sector/NGO/academia-based partnership focusing on providing sustainable water and sanitation services in peri-urban areas in developing countries. Since joining the EIB in 2006, he has been in charge of a broad portfolio of water sector projects financed by the Bank both inside and outside Europe through a variety of financial products.
Session 3. Financing Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3)

Moderator

Marc Suhrcke, Senior Researcher (LISER), Professor of Global Health Economics (University of York)

Marc Suhrcke is a Senior Researcher at the Luxembourg Institute for Socio-Economic Research (LISER), where he heads the research programme on Health and Health Systems. He is also Professor of Global Health Economics at the Centre for Health Economics, University of York, where he co-directs the Global Health Economics team. The main part of his research revolves around a range of economic and econometric aspects of public health in low and middle-income countries, which includes the micro and macroeconomic consequences of (ill) health, the economic evaluation of public health interventions, the measurement of socioeconomic inequalities in - and determinants of - health, and empirical policy impact evaluation. Among others, he currently directs the Global Health Econometrics and Economics Group funded by the UK National Institute for Health Research, which focuses on the evaluation of population and system-level interventions using quasi-experimental methods. His work has been funded by the World Bank, World Health Organisation (WHO), the European Commission, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the UK National Institute for Health Research, the UK Medical Research Council, the UK Economic and Social Research Council, the German Research Foundation and others. Previously, he was Professor of Public Health Economics at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, and held various research positions in international organisations (WHO, UNICEF).

Speaker

Agnès Soucat, Director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing, World Health Organisation (WHO)

Before joining WHO, Agnès Soucat was Global Leader on Service Delivery and Lead Economist at the World Bank. She was previously the Director for Human Development for the African Development Bank, where she was responsible for health, education, social protection and jobs for Africa, including 54 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Maghreb. She has over 25 years of experience in health and poverty reduction, covering more than 70 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe.

She was a pioneer of several innovations in healthcare financing including community-based financing and performance-based financing and has authored seminal publications on these topics. She was a member of the recent Lancet and Rockefeller Commission on Planetary Health. Agnès holds an MD and a Master’s in Nutrition from the University of Nancy in France as well as a Master’s in Public Health and a PhD in Health Economics from the Johns Hopkins University.
Jean Bottu, President, Médecins du Monde

Jean Bottu is the co-founder and President of the Board of Médecins du Monde (Doctors of the World) Luxembourg (MdM) which was set up in 2014. MdM operates in the field of healthcare for people in precarious situations, offering first-line medical help to insecure and vulnerable people in Luxembourg. MdM Luxembourg is the local branch of the international MdM network. MdM relies strongly on medical and paramedical volunteers to provide daily clinics in the cities of Luxembourg and Esch-sur-Alzette. MdM is dedicated to promoting access to healthcare, regardless of social status or income, working together with healthcare authorities and social workers. Jean is a medical doctor, specialising in paediatrics and neonatology. He achieved this specialisation in 1992 after training in Belgium (University of Louvain, Woluwe) and Toronto, Canada. Jean has served as Neonatologist at the Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg (CHL) since 1999 and was Head of the National Neonatal Intensive Care Unit from 1999 to 2014. He has been a Consultant and Paediatric Expert at LAR (Luxembourg Air Rescue) since 2015.

Paul Frijters, Co-Director of the Wellbeing Programme, London School of Economics (LSE)

Paul Frijters completed his Master’s degree in Econometrics at the University of Groningen, including a seven-month stay in Durban, South Africa before completing a PhD at the University of Amsterdam on “wellbeing in Russia” during the transition. He is Professorial Research Fellow and Co-Director of the Wellbeing Programme and Project Director of the World Wellbeing Panel. Paul Frijters specialises in applied micro-econometrics, including labour, happiness, and health economics, though he has also worked on pure theoretical topics in the macro and micro fields. His main area of interest is in analysing how socio-economic variables affect the human life experience. Paul Frijters is a prominent research economist and has published over 70 papers in fields including unemployment policy, discrimination and economic development. He regularly commentates on economic issues in newspapers and on television, including articles in the New York Times and on the BBC. Before joining the LSE, he was the Research Director of the Rumici Project, an international project on migration from the countryside to cities in China and Indonesia, sponsored by ministries, the World Bank, the Ford Foundation, and many others, tracking 20,000 individuals for many years. In 2009 he was voted Australia’s best young economist under 40 by the Australian Economic Society.
Andrea Manca, Professor, University of York

Andrea Manca is a health economist with more than 20 years’ experience in the area of economic evaluation for healthcare decision-making. His research interests focus on optimising the toolbox used to address the issues that arise when analysing and interpreting health economics and outcomes research data to inform Health Technology Assessment decisions. The nature of his contribution in this area includes both methodological (e.g. conceptual, analytical) and applied work.

Andrea has evaluated a wide range of technologies (therapeutic medical devices, drugs, diagnostics and non-pharmaceutical interventions) in a number of different clinical areas, including oncology, cardiology and respiratory diseases, diabetes, chronic pain, surgical interventions, obstetrics and gynaecology. He currently leads a research programme on the economics of personalised medicine (https://www.york.ac.uk/che/research/teehta/personalised-medicine) at the University of York and has previously led two other important programmes of methodological research supported – initially – by the Wellcome Trust and – subsequently – by the UK National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). His research grants portfolio includes several applied and methodological projects funded by leading national (e.g. Medical Research Council, the NIHR) and international organisations (the European Commission).

Andrea received the International Society for Pharmaeconomics and Outcome Research (ISPOR) Award for Excellence in Methodology in Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research (2008), and a number of other national scholarships and awards from the BackCare Society (2004), the Wellcome Trust (2007), and the UK National Institute of Health Research (2009). He is a former co-editor (currently serving on the EAB) of the scientific journal Value in Health and a member of the ISPOR Bernie O’Brien New Investigator Award panel. He is Deputy Chair of the UK NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowships Programme and a member of the Technology Appraisal Committee of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence for England and Wales.

Andrea holds an MSc in Health Economics (1998) and a PhD in Economics (2005), both from the University of York, UK.

Felicitas Riedl, Head of the, Life Sciences Division, EIB

Felicitas Riedl joined the EIB in 2007. She is responsible for the life sciences, pharmaceutical and health sectors in the Projects Directorate targeting innovation and competitiveness.

Before joining the Bank, Felicitas worked at the European Investment Fund as an investment manager with a particular focus on technology transfer. Her main tasks involved the analysis of technology transfer, the development of financial vehicles for this particular area and the implementation of these funding structures.

Prior to that, she worked as a strategy consultant for L.E.K. Consulting in Munich and Los Angeles.

There, she focused on private equity, mergers and acquisitions and life sciences. Her work included business planning, market research and development of market entry strategies as well as financial and commercial due diligence procedures. She obtained a Master of Science from the Philippss University of Marburg and Stanford University in Palo Alto, majoring in human genetics and molecular biology.
Session 4. Financing Gender Equality (SDG 5)

Moderator

Richard Amor, Head of Unit, Global Partners Department, EIB

Richard Amor is Head of Implementation and Business Development for the European Investment Bank's operations in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, and Asia and Latin America. Since joining the EIB in 2007, Richard has worked on many landmark project finance and PPP transactions in Europe, Africa and the Middle East across the renewable energy, telecoms, infrastructure and industrial sectors. More recently, Richard was part of the task force within the EIB that was responsible for the creation and design of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), a joint initiative between the EIB and the European Commission. Prior to joining the EIB, Richard worked for Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London, Frankfurt and Tokyo.

Speaker

Christian van Dartel, Deloitte Luxembourg

Christian became a partner in Deloitte in Luxembourg in June 2016. He has over 13 years’ experience in the financial services industry in Luxembourg and London and has been working in the audit industry since 2005.

Since 2005, Christian has gained deep experience working on a diverse portfolio of audit assignments in the investment management field and is now employed primarily on alternative investment products – including debt, private equity and real estate funds.

Christian has extensive experience in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and Lux GAAP.

At the same time, Christian is also the Chief Inclusion Officer in Deloitte Luxembourg. He is working with the company’s dedicated inclusion teams and is a member of the Deloitte Global network of Chief Inclusion Officers, committed to improving inclusion and the sharing of “best practices”.

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Other members of the panel

Robert Baker, Senior Partner, Mercer UK

Robert (Rob) Baker is the Leader of Diversity & Inclusion Consulting for Europe and the Pacific Region at Mercer, the leading global human resources consulting firm. Based in London, he is responsible for driving growth in the firm’s D&I consulting business and ensuring that Mercer’s thought leadership and brand in this space is at the leading edge.

Rob has a passion for diversity and inclusion and is a member of the steering committees for Mercer’s Gender Parity Networks for the European Region. He is also a member of Mercer’s UK Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council.

Rob is Co-President of PWN Global, a major global women’s network. In this role, he shares the leadership of the Global Board and works with global partners and local PWN City Networks to help drive gender balance.

Rob is a thought leader on engaging men to support gender equality: at work, at home and in all aspects of life. He has spoken at numerous conferences and has contributed to many publications and blogs on the importance of balanced leadership. Rob also speaks widely on talent trends, innovation and the future of work, including the importance of engaging millennials in the workplace and getting the best from the multi-generational workforce.

In recognition of his contribution to gender balance, Robert was awarded a prestigious Guys Who Get It – Honorable Guy Award in 2017 by the Institute for Women’s Leadership, based in California, USA.

Sonia Bhalotra, Professor, University of Essex

Sonia is Professor of Economics at the University of Essex. Her research uses micro-data, often longitudinal, from the UK, several developing countries and early twentieth century America, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. She is interested in the creation of human capital, early childhood development, the long benefits of early-life health interventions, gender inequality, the political economy of public service provision, intergenerational mobility and the dynamics of mortality, fertility and sex selection.
Randi Davis, Director, UNDP

Randi Davis is currently Director of the Gender Team for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is based in New York. She leads a team of professionals based in five regional hubs, who provide advice to governments in over 170 countries. The team’s work encompasses initiatives to advance women’s economic empowerment, strengthen women’s political participation, efforts to combat violence against women, and support for gender equality and women’s empowerment in crises and recovery contexts. Under her leadership, the team is also leading a global initiative called the “Gender Seal Certification Programme” to encourage private and public enterprises to meet gender equality standards.

Prior to her current position, Randi Davis was part of the founding team that designed and launched the United Nations Democracy Fund, and she spearheaded UNDP’s global practice on parliamentary development. She was responsible for bringing gender equality and women’s empowerment into the UN’s electoral support processes and was the founder of iKNOW Politics, a global knowledge portal for women in politics. Randi Davis spent nearly a decade working in Asia on issues of local development, housing and urban settlements. She has experience of advising partners in all regions of the world.

Randi Davis has contributed to numerous publications such as “Empowering Women for Stronger Parties: A Best Practices Guidebook”; “Guidelines on Parliaments, Conflict Prevention and Recovery”; “Parliaments and Security Sector Oversight” and has published Op-Eds such as “The post-Paris path for climate action must include women and men”; “Empowering Young Women: A Key to Sustainable Development,” and “Why the Ebola response cannot be gender blind”. Randi Davis has spoken at many global conferences and events on issues related to gender equality and SDG Achievement and testified before the Canadian Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs on issues related to women, peace and security.

A Canadian and French national, Randi Davis holds a Master’s Degree in International Affairs, with a specialisation in International Political Economy, from Columbia University in New York; a diploma from L’Institut d’Etudes Politiqes in Paris; an undergraduate degree in Economics from York University in Toronto; and a diploma from University of Chicago Booth’s High Performance Executive Leadership Program.

She can be found on Twitter @RandiDavisUNDP.
Eleni Kyrou, Lead Gender Specialist, EIB

An international development practitioner with a background in social development and urban development policy and planning, Eleni Kyrou brings forth over 20 years of working experience in these domains across the global South. She has a particular interest and associated experience in promoting socially just development, rights-based approaches to development and gender equality through investment.

In her current function, Eleni leads on “gender in business” and social due diligence policy at the EIB. She has been the principal social specialist for the human rights workstream in the Bank since early 2011 and oversaw the integration of human rights in the EIB’s sustainability framework. She helped launch the Bank’s work on “gender in our business” in 2014 and was in charge of developing the EIB Group’s Strategy on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment. Since the adoption of the Strategy by the EIB’s Board in December 2016, she has worked on the drafting of the EIB Group’s Gender Action Plan and is currently focusing on its implementation.

Abeba Tesfai, Director, Enat Bank Ethiopia

Abeba Tesfai is the Director of Women’s Financial Services and Marketing at Enat Bank, the leading women’s bank in Ethiopia. She has held this position for the past three years, focusing on the bank’s programme policies promoting financial inclusion for women, and women’s economic empowerment. She has worked on two continents, travelled and participated in forums and workshops on banking for women and SMEs. She has extensive experience of financial inclusion for women and SME incubation, and acceleration in emerging, fragile sub-Saharan African countries. She worked for over 20 years for US-based companies including Bank of America, Freddie Mac and Trilant Risk Advisors. In her various positions, she has been striving to generate greater financial services access, particularly for marginalised groups of women, and enhance women’s access to credit, financial literacy and entrepreneurship skill training opportunities in collaboration with government and development agencies, UN Women and other UN agencies, and civil society.

In 2015, she returned to her home country after many years abroad to share her experience and passion for promoting financial inclusion and to make an effective impact. She is in the process of establishing a social enterprise “Women’s SME Hub”, which will help provide solutions to the three barriers to women’s economic emancipation, namely education, employment and entrepreneurship (the three E’s). She holds a BA in Business Management from Strayer University, USA.
Concluding Remarks

Conchita D’Ambrosio, Chair Professor, University of Luxembourg

Conchita D’Ambrosio is Professor of Economics at the University of Luxembourg, and holder of a FNR PEARL Chair. She is an economist, with a PhD from New York University (2000). Her research interests have revolved around the study of individual and social well-being and the proposal of various measures that are able to capture its different aspects. She has published in Economica, Economics Letters, International Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Choice and Welfare, Review of Economics and Statistics, and Review of Income and Wealth among other academic journals. She has been a member of the editorial board of the Review of Income and Wealth since 2001 and editor of the same journal since 2007. She joined the editorial board of the Journal of Economic Inequality in 2013.
Caritas Luxembourg is committed to combating poverty and social exclusion in search of a more equal and better world. Caritas Luxembourg seeks to contribute to a world where economic and social justice, ecology and culture inspire actions and relationships amongst human beings, encouraging dignified life and full participation in society for all.

Caritas Luxembourg works in both the national sphere and internationally. Caritas Luxembourg raises awareness on the structural causes of poverty and unequal trade relations between countries and regions and calls for a coherent sustainable development policy.

Caroline Schuler, Ocean Visuals

In graphic recording and facilitation, Caroline Schuler combines her passion for visualisation, creativity and design with a keen eye, an open ear and a good sense for group dynamics. She translates stories, strategies and ideas into images that are not just beautiful, but, more importantly, serve processes of clarification, transform complication into complexity, and enhance collective memory. Caroline commits to tasks with a deep “head, heart and hand” presence.

Cais Recicla

The materials distributed at this event were produced by Cais Recicla. CAIS Recicla is a waste reducer and a life-changing creative workshop. It’s a training project run by the Portuguese Association CAIS that enables artistic creations that empower poor and socially excluded people, helping them with their personal and social skills, and thus increasing employment opportunities and citizenship awareness. Through recycling, CAIS crafts eco-friendly products that are later sold to the public.
The EIB Group provides finance and technical assistance to achieve sustainable, inclusive growth through two complementary entities, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF). The EIB Group is the European Union’s long-term financing institution.

Equilibre is dedicated to promoting gender complementarity at work and on work related issues. Using research as our guide and leverage, we aim to influence local culture, corporate culture and policy solutions to make meaningful change for women and men and their families. Motivated by the opportunity to help close the gap in inequalities and the support of the local eco-system, we continue to work for change.

Etika was established in 1996 as an independent non-profit organisation designed to foster social finance by providing objective information on ethical investing. The association meets two needs: 1. to criticise unethical behaviour in finance and raise awareness of the products of SRI (socially responsible investment); 2. to propose financial products that guarantee both the responsible character of the investment (promotion of projects with strong social and/or environmental added value) and the transparency of the money invested. In collaboration with the Banque et Caisse d’Epargne de l’Etat du Luxembourg (BCEE) it created an “alternative savings account” that differs from a classical savings account in the sense that it meets the criteria of transparency and responsibility.

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE) is the gateway to access international investors. With more than 35,000 listed securities, including some 26,000 bonds, from 2,300 issuers in 100 countries, LuxSE is the world’s number one exchange for the listing of international securities and offers a unique full service throughout listing, trading and reporting.

LuxSE has been involved in the development of the sustainable finance market since the European Investment Bank issued its first climate awareness bond ten years ago and listed it in Luxembourg. In 2016, LuxSE launched the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX) and built it on the fundamental need for transparency. The platform is dedicated exclusively to green, social and sustainable securities and funds. LGX has become a meeting place for sustainability-focused issuers and investors, displaying half of the world’s listed green bonds.

LuxSE also operates a specialist subsidiary, Fundsquare, which provides services to substantially support and standardise the cross-border distribution of investment funds.

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is a mission-driven Research and Technology Organisation (RTO) that develops advanced technologies and delivers innovative products and services to industry and society. As a major engine of the diversification and growth of Luxembourg’s economy through innovation, LIST supports the deployment of a number of solutions in a wide range of sectors, including energy, IT, telecommunications, environment, agriculture, and advanced manufacturing at national and European level. LIST also accelerates ‘time to market’ by maximising synergies with different actors, including the university, the national funding agency and industrial clusters.

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PlasticSwitch is an initiative created by a group of women, aiming to change people’s plastic behaviour in Luxembourg. Starting off as a university project in 2017 with in-depth research on plastics at national and international scale, PlasticSwitch decided to take action in order to raise social awareness. Developing steadily, our three-way response strives to optimise companies’ plastic management, showcase alternative solutions to plastic items and advise on the organisation of plastic-free events. By increasing consciousness and identifying best practices, we want to reduce the environmental impact of plastics and plant a seed for change. PlasticSwitch is currently creating a start-up, with the support of the University of Luxembourg incubator.

Microlux is the first microfinance institution that supports entrepreneurs in Luxembourg who do not have access to traditional bank loans. Microlux grants microcredits of up to EUR 25 000 and provides non-financial support to the entrepreneurs with coaching and training sessions.

The Oeuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte is a public institution under the supervision of the Prime Minister of Luxembourg. It organises and runs the National Lottery. Its mission is to promote philanthropy in Luxembourg. Its initial purpose of aiding the victims of World War II has been broadened over the years to support the many philanthropic activities and projects conducted by organisations in the fields of social affairs, culture, environmental protection and sport.

The Oeuvre’s goals and values can be summarised as protecting the most vulnerable, providing aid to the disadvantaged, and in general promoting the well-being of individuals and the community. To these ends, the Oeuvre is in touch with people active in the field and regularly involves itself in investigations with key players in the network of associations. In order to identify and meet the needs that occur in our society, the Oeuvre launches calls for projects such as “Actions Addictions”, “Respect”, “Yes We Care” and “mateneen”.

Through a long-term programme, Médecins du Monde ensures that excluded people living in Luxembourg overcome barriers to healthcare. Our CASOs (Centres d’Accueil, de Soins et d’Orientation) in Esch-sur-Alzette and Bonnevoie, Luxembourg City, enable us to offer free medical consultations for anyone in need. In the field, we provide medical and paramedical treatment, social orientation and psychological support. We also arrange access to a large number of medical specialties such as dental care, ophthalmological appointments (with free glasses), dermatology and cardiology, as needed. In 2017, 784 individuals in medical need received 2,144 free healthcare consultations. 30% of these patients are suffering from chronic diseases that would remain untreated without the existence of our medical centres. Our medical and non-medical teams are mainly composed of volunteers, with currently more than 100 people offering a broad range of competencies. The support staff is limited to four employees coordinating and providing organisational assistance to the volunteer medical structure. Over the next few years, the objectives will be to improve the medical and social follow-up of patients and offer a more complete set of specialised healthcare services.

The Luxembourg Finance Labelling Agency (LuxFLAG) is an independent and international non-profit association created in Luxembourg in July 2006 by seven founding partners, the Luxembourg Government (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure), the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI), The Luxembourg Bankers’ Association (ABBL), ADA (Microfinance Luxembourg), the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg for Finance and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, which are the Charter members. LuxFLAG aims to promote the raising of capital for the responsible investment sector by awarding a recognisable label to eligible investment vehicles in microfinance, environment, ESG (Environment, Social, Governance), climate finance and green bonds. The objective is to reassure investors that the labelled investment vehicles invest in the respective sectors and activities in a responsible manner.

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