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DEVELOPMENT CHECK OF THE FINANCING ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

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31st of October 2008 10:00-17:00

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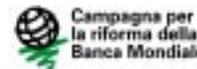
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HOW TO GET THERE?

Deutsche Bahn: Berlin Hauptbahnhof, from there take S-Bahn east to next station „Friedrichstraße“

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Balance Challenging the European Investment Bank

BACKGROUND

Since its establishment in 1958 in order to finance infrastructure projects within the European Union member states, the European Investment Bank has continuously expanded its operations. Today the EIB has become not only the world's largest public lender – with annual lending operations of almost 50 billion EUR – but also a major financier in developing countries. Lending outside the EU has increased significantly, especially in the last two decades, and has become an important part of EIB activities. In 2007 the EIB spent 6.3 billion EUR, or more than 13% of its overall portfolio, on projects outside the EU, which constitutes a major part of the lending under the Union's external development and economic cooperation programmes.

Mandated activities are based on the cooperation frameworks established between the EU and cooperating non-member states. With regard to developing countries, these frameworks are embedded in the EU policies for development cooperation, which find practical application in the so-called Country Strategy Papers jointly prepared by the Commission.

Consistency and coherence between EIB operations and EU policies is essential to the fulfilment of EU external policy objectives. This requirement for coherence and the EU's growing investments in the global south demand a closer look on what the EIB finances. The analysis of impacts of development lending is of crucial importance because financial resources must be directed to their best use in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and other general and global commitments, for example on climate change.

Aside from policy coherence and analysis of impacts regarding sustainable development, poverty alleviation and climate protection, possible improvements for future investments and alternatives to the business as usual approach will be discussed.

PROGRAM

10:00-10:15 Nicola Jaeger, World Economy, Ecology and Development:
Welcome and introduction

10:15-12:00 **The EU development goals and EIB's role in achieving them - Coherence of the EIB financing?**
Different actors, different views, different goals?

Chair: Anders Lustgarten, Bretton Woods Projects

Speakers:

1. Lucy Hayes, eurodad: **Lessons learned in development cooperation – Changes in the European aid architecture**
2. Monique Koning, EIB's Directorate for Operations in ACP: **EIB's experience with external lending - strengths and challenges**
3. Bernd Schneider, Parliamentary Assistant of Gabriele Zimmer, European Parliament: **European Parliaments vision of EU development and EIB's role in this scenario**

12:00-13:00 **Lunch break**

13:00-14:30 **Promotion of poverty alleviation and sustainable development?**
Case studies on the coherence of EU development strategies and EIB's projects – Impacts, lessons learnt, new visions

Chair: Klaus Schilder, terres des hommes

Speakers:

1. Antonio Tricarico, CRBM: **To many goals at one time**
2. Savior Mwambwa, CIVIL Society Trade Network of Zambia: **Strategy paper and reality - EIB projects in Zambia**
3. Anne-Sophie Simpère, Amis de la terre: **Strategy paper and reality, the example of Congo**

14:30-14:40 **Break**

14:40-15:10 Hans-Josef Fell, Member of the German Bundestag, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen and vice president of Eurosolar:
Financing of sustainable development a cross-sectoral policy task

15:10-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-16:55 **Sustainable development and climate protection in developing countries?**
Debate on EIB's role and potential in financing the transformation of the energy systems and access to energy for the poor

Chair: Daniela Setton, Klima-Allianz

Speakers:

1. Petr Hlobil, Bankwatch: **EIB's energy investment - a radical change is needed**
2. Kari Punkka, EIB's Project Directorate: **Strategy concerning the energy investment**
3. Jan Haverkamp, Greenpeace: **How energy investments can work for the poor and help to fight climate change**

16:55-17:00 Regine Richter, urgewald: **Closing remarks**