

OPENING REMARKS





HOW IFC CAN SUPPORT COMPANIES IN CZECH REPUBLIC, HUNGARY AND SLOVAK REPUBLIC IN DOING BUSINESS IN EMERGING MARKETS



Tuesday, 26 January, 2021; 2.00 – 4.15pm CET Wednesday, 27 January, 2021; 2.00 – 4.00pm CET

WebEx virtual conference

The current situation presents significant challenges for private sector investment worldwide, but also opportunities. To better help Czech, Hungarian and Slovak private sector companies understand financing opportunities when investing in emerging markets with IFC as a partner, we invite you to join a knowledge sharing webinar for companies interested or already investing in emerging markets.

In addition, the webinar will provide insights into *the business environment in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Serbia and Ukraine* and will include a workshop on *IFC's Global Health Platform*, as part of the World Bank Group's response to COVID-19, aiming to increase the private sector's capacity to deliver the much needed healthcare products and services in the fight against the pandemic.

PROGRAMME TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2021

2.00 – 2.12pm	 Mr. Jan van Bilsen, IFC Country Manager Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Austria, Germany, Switzerland Ms. Silvia Gavorníková, Director International Relations, Eximbanka SR, Slovak Republic Ms. Zuzana Matyášová, Director International Relations, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic Mr. Gábor Szőcs, Chief International Officer, EXIM, Hungary
WORKSHOPS	
2.15 – 2.25pm	Mr. Jan van Bilsen, IFC Country Manager Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Austria, Germany, Switzerland How IFC invests with companies from developed countries into Emerging Markets
2.25 – 2.35pm	Mr. Aleksey Nikiforovich, IFC Senior Trade Finance Officer How IFC supports exporters from developed countries export to Emerging Markets through banking sector instruments
2.35 – 2.45pm	Representative from IFC Procurement Office How to engage with the World Bank Group on open tenders in Emerging Markets
2.45 – 3.15pm	Ms. Magdalena Soljakova, Country Representative IFC Serbia Business environment in Serbia from an IFC perspective (15 Minutes) Q&A (15 Minutes)







3.15 – 3.45pm	Ms. Thea Gigiberia, Country Representative IFC Georgia Business environment in Georgia from an IFC perspective (15 Minutes) Q&A (15 Minutes)	
3.45 – 4.15pm	Ms. Aliya Azimova, Country Representative IFC Azerbaijan Business environment in Azerbaijan from an IFC perspective (15 Minutes) Q&A (15 Minutes)	
PROGRAMME WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2021		
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2.00 – 2.02pm	Mr. Jan van Bilsen, IFC Country Manager Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Austria, Germany, Switzerland	
WORKSHOPS		
2.02 – 2.32pm	Ms. Elena Voloshina, Country Representative IFC Ukraine Doing business in Ukraine from an IFC perspective (15 Minutes) Q&A (15 Minutes)	
2.32 – 3.02pm	Ms. Olga Sherbina, Country Representative IFC Belarus Doing business in Belarus from an IFC perspective (15 Minutes) Q&A (15 Minutes)	
3.02 – 3.57pm	Ms. Zeynep Kantur, IFC Global Health Platform Lead IFC COVID-19 Response: How IFC can support V3 companies active in the healthcare and related sectors through its Global Health Platform, with a specific focus in increasing capacities and delivery for key products in need to fight the pandemic (30 Minutes)	
	Discussion and Q&A (25 Minutes)	
CLOSING REMARKS		
3.57 – 4.00pm	Mr. Jan van Bilsen, IFC Country Manager Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Austria, Germany, Switzerland	