



EBRD'S RE-ENGAGEMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Thursday 29 April 2021

09:30 – 11:00 CET/08:30 – 10:00 GMT

Webinar event details:

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The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) will resume investment in the Czech Republic after the Bank's Board of Directors approved a request by its government to help with the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

The EBRD's re-engagement will be temporary and not exceed a period of up to five years. It will be limited in scope and focus on the private sector. It will complement support provided by the European Investment Bank and the European Union (EU).

The Bank will invest venture capital to support innovative, high-growth local small and medium-sized enterprises that have limited access to finance. Further development of the local capital market will also facilitate the financing of the real economy.

The green energy transition remains a high priority of the Czech Republic's agenda. The intensity of the energy sector is nearly twice the EU average and the country is one of the largest greenhouse gas emitters in Europe, with 75 per cent of its heating produced from coal. The EBRD can offer its expertise in strengthening the regulatory environment for renewable energy and support energy efficiency investments with dedicated credit lines to address these challenges.

Please join us to learn more about the focus of EBRD's activities in in the Czech Republic.

Agenda

- **09:30 – 09:40**
Welcome remarks
Lenka Dupakova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
Charlotte Ruhe, Managing Director, Central and South Eastern Europe, EBRD
- **09:40 – 10:20**
Overview of the EBRD and focus of the activities in the Czech Republic – short presentations from sector experts

Jelena Erker, Agribusiness
Magda Kowalska, Equity
Anne Hutton, Equity Funds
Bakhrom Ibragimov, Venture Capital Investment Programme (VCIP)
Patrik Borzecky, Manufacturing & Services

- **10:20 – 11:00 Panel Discussion – moderated by Ana Draskovic, Director, Business Development Group**

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