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Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 54th MEETING OF THE PRACTITIONERS OF
THE WORKING PARTY ON EXPORT CREDITS AND CREDIT
GUARANTEES**

28-29 September 2026

This is the Draft Agenda for the 54th Meeting of the Practitioners of the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees (ECG), which will be held at Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG (OeKB), Strauchgasse 3, 1010 Vienna, Austria, on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September 2026, courtesy of OeKB; it will be chaired by Mr. Julio FERNÁNDEZ-GIRO (Spain).

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 54th MEETING OF THE PRACTITIONERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON EXPORT CREDITS AND CREDIT GUARANTEES (ECG)

28-29 September 2026, starting at 10:00

Chairman: Mr. Julio FERNÁNDEZ-GIRO (Spain)

Two days have been scheduled for this 54th Meeting of the Practitioners of the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees (ECG), which will be held in-person only at Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG (OeKB), Strauchgasse 3, 1010 Vienna, Austria, on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September 2026, courtesy of OeKB. The Meeting will be followed by an optional field trip on Wednesday 30 September to the Botanical Garden of the University of Vienna, to discuss biodiversity issues.

Practitioners from some non-OECD countries have been invited to participate at the meeting: Brazil, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Romania and South Africa have registered to attend.

The purpose of Practitioners' meetings is to further discussions relating to the environmental and social (E&S) due diligence undertaken by Export Credit Agencies (ECAs), including implementation of the *Recommendation of the Council on Common Approaches for Officially Supported Export Credits and Environmental and Social Due Diligence* (the "Common Approaches") [[OECD/LEGAL/0393](https://www.oecd.org/legal/0393)].

As usual, there will not be any interpretation services, *i.e.* the meeting will be conducted in English, and Practitioners should be prepared to operate with some flexibility with regard to the arrangements and exact timings of the meeting and agenda items.

Session 1 – Monday 28 September 2026

10:00

Item 1. Welcome and adoption of the Agenda

[TAD/ECG/A\(2026\)4](https://www.oecd.org/legal/0393)

The Chairman of the ECG Practitioners, Mr. Julio FERNÁNDEZ-GIRO (Spain), will welcome attendees to the 54th Meeting, in particular those Practitioners attending for the first time.

Ms. Heidrun SCHMID will also welcome attendees on behalf of OeKB and provide information on the practical arrangements for the meeting and the field trip to the Botanical Gardens.

The Chairman of the ECG Practitioners will seek adoption of the Agenda.

For adoption.

Item 2. International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

Mrs. Birgit VOGEL, Executive Secretary, ICPDR¹ will provide a presentation concerning the Danube River and its connection to hydropower, shipping, agriculture, and related topics, as well as challenges caused by the drought and issues related to sensitive areas.

For information and discussion.

Item 3. Sensitive areas

Credendo (Belgium) will provide a presentation of the outcomes of its pre-meeting survey concerning the assessment of sensitive areas in relation to transactions both within and outside the scope of the Common Approaches.

For information and discussion.

¹ <https://www.icpdr.org>

Break

11.30

Item 4. Informal working groups

The lead ECAs for each of the informal working groups will be invited to provide presentations to update Practitioners on the state-of-play of their discussions relating to the development of relevant guidance material:

- Moveable assets (aircraft): EDC (Canada) and US Exim (United States)
- Moveable assets (maritime assets): Eksfin (Norway)
- Existing operations: OeKB (Austria)
- Transactions outside the scope of the Common Approaches: Atradius DSB (Netherlands)

Atradius DSB (Netherlands) will provide a presentation of various case studies to illustrate the approach taken to environmental and social due diligence for transactions outside the scope of the Common Approaches.

For information and discussion.

Item 5. Domestic projects [TBC]

Bpifrance (France) will provide a presentation of the outcomes of its spring 2026 questions concerning how ECAs undertake environmental and social due diligence of domestic projects.

For information and discussion.

Lunch break

14.30

Item 6. OeKB official welcome

Mr. Helmut BERNKOPF, a member of the Board of Executive Directors of OeKB will provide an official welcome speech for the Practitioners.

For information.

Item 7. Blended Finance

CESCE (Spain) will provide a presentation to highlight some of the challenges recently experienced when structuring transactions with the European Investment Bank, including the development of a common environmental and social framework that might be easily replicated for future transactions.

For information and discussion.

Item 8. Final commitment

Finnvera (Finland) will provide a presentation of the outcomes of its pre-meeting questions concerning the interpretation of the concept of “final commitment to grant official support”.

For information and discussion.

Break

16.30

Item 9. IFC update

The IFC will provide a virtual update concerning the reviews of both the IFC Sustainability Framework, including the Performance Standards, and the World Bank Group EHS Guidelines.

For information and discussion.

Item 10. Navigating the full suite of Performance Standards on a single transaction

UKEF (United Kingdom) will present the Ebolowa-Kribi project to highlight the lessons learned. The project is a 163km transport corridor in southern Cameroon, which presented a uniquely complex environmental and social risk profile, requiring engagement with almost the full suite of IFC Performance Standards.

For information and discussion.

18:00: End of Day 1

Dinner at 19:30: Heuriger Gigerl Restaurant, Rauhensteingasse 3, 1010 Vienna

Session 2 – Tuesday 29 September 2026

9.30

Item 11. Infrastructure and IT projects

Mrs. Gerda HUBER, Senior Lecturer/Researcher, Department of Computer Science, Austria's University of Applied Sciences for Technology and Digitization, will provide a presentation concerning the benefits of inclusion and accessibility across infrastructure and IT projects.

For information and discussion.

Item 12. Data centres

Eksfin (Norway) will provide a presentation concerning environmental and social due diligence relating to data centres to facilitate a discussion about ECA approaches to these types of projects.

For information and discussion.

Break

11.00

Item 13. Human Rights Screening

SACE (Italy) will provide a presentation to introduce its work to enhance internal procedures relating to human rights screening in order to gather feedback from other ECAs and discuss different approaches.

For information and discussion.

Item 14. High risk human rights contexts

EDC (Canada) will provide a presentation to illustrate approaches to balancing due diligence and engagement expectations with stakeholder safety and retaliation risk management.

For information and discussion.

Lunch break

14.00

Item 15. Green steel project

Mr. Reinhard ZEHETNER, Primetals Technologies (an Austrian exporter), will provide a presentation concerning a green steel project.

For information and discussion.

Item 16. Intermediate Climate Targets

CESCE (Spain) will provide a presentation concerning its process for setting intermediate climate targets, in line with its NZECA membership commitments. The targets cover emission reductions, science-based targets for power transactions, climate finance targets, and other technical goals.

For information and discussion.

Break

15:45

Item 17. AI in E&S processes

Euler Hermes and PwC (Germany) will provide a presentation to share practical experiences and lessons learned from the application of artificial intelligence in environmental and social due diligence and related processes.

For information and discussion.

Item 18. Other business**Item 18.a. Next meetings**

The Practitioners will be invited to have a preliminary discussion concerning the arrangements for the Practitioners' forthcoming events:

- 55th Practitioners' Meeting, which will be held on 1-2 February 2027, and
- Workshop for Practitioners from Financial Institutions, which will be held on 3-4 February 2026.

In this context, Practitioners will be invited to provide initial proposals for agenda items and potential expert speakers for the Workshop. The Secretariat will also invite interested Practitioners to join an informal steering group to help with the arrangements for the Workshop.

*17:00: End of meeting**Tuesday 29 September at 17:30*

Private tour of the Winter Palace of Prince Eugene of Savoy, now housing the Ministry of Finance: Himmelpfortgasse 8, 1010 Vienna

Wednesday 30 September at 9:30 or 11:00

Field trip to the Botanical Garden of the University of Vienna: Mechelgasse 2, 1030 Vienna