

# Romania ESG Forum 2023

## 10:30-11:00 – REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

## 11:00-13:20 – SECTION 1: THE BIG PICTURE

### 11:00 - 11:05 Welcome remarks

People:

**Csanád Csűrös**, CEO, Property Forum

### 11:05 - 11:20 Keynote speech - Opening remarks by the Minister of Environment, Water and Forests

People:

**Barna Tánczos**, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests

### 11:20 - 11:50 Acting now for a greener future – Lessons from the United Nations' climate report

**Diana Ürge-Vorsatz** serves as Vice-Chair of Working Group III of the United Nations (UN / ONU) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She is also a Professor at the Central European University (CEU) in Vienna, holding a PhD from the University of California. She'll share the findings of the UN's climate report and provide valuable advice on how both companies and individuals can decrease their carbon footprint.

People:

**Diána Ürge-Vorsatz**, Vice-Chair, Working Group III, United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

### 11:50 - 12:10 If other industries have done half as much as the energy sector, the next generations could be more assured

We have no time to wait to transition to a net-zero world - and the energy industry is clearly at the heart of this effort. The sector has come a long way, often proving that we need to be more ambitious and rigorous to accelerate the transition. We need holistic solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions across sectors and the past years of the energy industry offer valuable learnings.

People:

**Ádám Karakas**, Partner, Boston Consulting Group

**12:10 - 12:30 Sustainable lending and funding – Observations and success stories**

**Katsiaryna Souvandjiev** will provide insight into the topic of sustainable financing which continues to gain momentum as financial institutions try to meet the growing demand for lending and funding products that combine the “social”, “environmental” and “economic” criteria.

People:

**Katsiaryna Souvandjiev**, ESG Funding and Innovation Lead, Raiffeisen Bank International AG

**12:30 - 13:20 Financing the green transition – How do leading lenders approach ESG?**

Chair: **Csanád Csűrös**, CEO, Property Forum

Conversation participants:

**Gabriel Marosi**, Group Sustainability Officer, Erste Group

**Cristian Nacu**, Senior Country Officer, Romania, IFC - International Finance Corporation

**Katsiaryna Souvandjiev**, ESG Funding and Innovation Lead, Raiffeisen Bank

International AG

**Andrei Svoronos**, Principal Banker, EBRD

**Ioana Voinescu**, Head of Sustainability, BCR

**13:20-14:20 – NETWORKING LUNCH**

**14:20-16:00 – SECTION 2: LET'S TALK STRATEGY!**

**14:20 - 14:35 (On)boarding the ESG train – A journey of setting and achieving goals**

During this presentation, corporate ESG consultant **Tjidsger Wierda** will take you on a train ride. He'll explain where your journey starts, accounting, legislation etc. He'll move to setting goals, what you need to keep in mind when doing so. Once this is done, he'll look at how to achieve those goals. The strategies you can think of, with some practical examples.

People:

**Tjidsger Wierda**, ESG Partner, Walvius Partners

**14:35 - 14:55 Sustainable mobility for people, business and places from Škoda Group**

Cities and states are committing to carbon-neutrality goals, including a shift to public transport with zero-emission vehicles. However, not everything labelled „zero-emission“ has to be „sustainable“ at the same time. The Group's ESG Manager, **Lýdia Rosová** will share details of their strategy and best practices to inspire others as she believes the most important part of any ESG strategy is to get started.

People:

**Lýdia Rosová**, Group ESG Manager, Škoda Group

**14:55 - 15:45 ESG in practice – Long-term strategies and best practices discussed by business leaders**

Chair: **Gabriel Thoumi CFA FRM**, Council Member, S&P Sustainable Finance Scientific Council / CEO, Responsible Alpha

Conversation participants:

**Aurelia Luca**, EVP Operations Hungary and Romania, Skanska

**Sarah Maria Joițoiu**, Head of Sustainability, eMAG

**Lýdia Rosová**, Group ESG Manager, Škoda Group

**Livia Stan**, Public Affairs Director, E.ON România

**Ciprian Stănescu**, President & CEO, Social Innovation Solutions (SIS)

**15:45 - 16:00 EU ESG and sustainability trends in the FMCG sector: 2023-2025**

**Gabriel Thoumi will discuss financial material policy and business drivers facing the FMCG sector in the EU as the sector faces multiple immediate inflexion points. With more stringent supply chain constraints accelerated by physical risks from climate change, water, and biodiversity risks occurring coupled with increasing corporate and consumer sustainability demands, the sector faces growing risks of greenwashing while EU-required disclosures are driving change and innovation.**

People:

**Gabriel Thoumi CFA FRM**, Council Member, S&P Sustainable Finance Scientific Council / CEO, Responsible Alpha

**16:00-16:30 – NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

**16:30-18:30 – SECTION 3: FOCUS ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

**16:30 - 16:45 The future is efficient and renewable - Diving into the EU's Green Deal**

**Peter Sweatman**, whose company supports the EU Commission, the G20 and various national governments in policy matters, will provide valuable insight into the EU's green energy policy.

People:

**Peter Sweatman**, Chief Executive, Climate Strategy & Partners

**16:45 - 17:00 How can the circular economy help us build a better world?**

**Tina Paillet** is an international real estate executive with over 25 years of experience including 12 years at Generali Real Estate. As President-Elect of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Tina works to create a positive impact in the field of sustainability. Tina is also the Co-Founder of Circotr@de – an innovative start-up creating value by trading second-hand building materials and their embodied carbon. She will talk about combatting the climate change impacts of the built environment through decarbonization and the circular economy.

People:

**Tina Paillet FRICS**, President-Elect, RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)

**17:00 - 17:50 Making an impact through buildings – ESG in real estate**

Chair: **Steffen Walvius**, Global Lead for Asset Performance & Modelling, Head of Sustainability Services CEE, JLL

Conversation participants:

**Andrei Botis**, President, Romania Green Building Council

**Carolina De Ávila**, ESG & Sustainability Consultant, SEVEN Sustainability

**Rafaela Nebreda**, Founder, Grupo Demetra / Owner, Imoteca

**Antoni Panait**, Managing Director, VASTINT Romania

**Daniel Schreiner**, Principal ESG Asset Management, Deutsche Investment

**Tjidsger Wierda**, ESG Partner, Walvius Partners

**17:50 - 18:30 Looking for the best deals – Discussion with real estate dealmakers**

Chair: **Tim Wilkinson MRICS**, Head of European Acquisitions, Indotek Group

People:

**Bogdan Doicescu**, CEO, Bog'Art Holding Management

**Cristian Ezri**, Head of Investment Eastern Europe & UAE, Yellow Tree

**Alex Skouras**, Managing Partner, Alesonor

**Adi Steiner**, Managing Partner, STC Partners

**18:30-22:00 – SPRING NETWORKING PARTY 2023 –  
INTRODUCING "THE 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN  
THE ROMANIAN REAL ESTATE MARKET"**