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For the Earth!

Czech Republic:

Centrum pro dopravu a
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Estonia:

Estonian Green Movement-FoE

Georgia:

Green Alternative

Hungary:

Nature Protection Club of
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Lithuania:

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Poland:

Polish Green Network (PGN)
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Slovakia:

Friends of the Earth – Center
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Ukraine:

National Ecological Centre of
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CEE Bankwatch Network's
mission is to prevent
environmentally and socially
harmful impacts of
international development
finance, and to promote
alternative solutions and public
participation.

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Szczecin, 29 March 2010

Dear Directors,

On behalf of CEE Bankwatch Network, an international non-governmental organisation based in Central and Eastern Europe I would like to take raise with you the need for a first meeting between civil society organisations and members of the bank's board of directors to discuss EIB's policies, priorities and processes. The meeting could take place before or after one of the monthly meetings of the board of directors in Luxembourg, in the bank's headquarter.

Similar to other international financial institutions, the EIB has been given a challenging task to tackle the financial and economic crises, to become a leader in the fight against climate change and to promote development in other regions of the world. These issues are among the most important in the current debates surrounding the role and lending activities of the international financial institutions. Civil society organisations are actively involved in these global debates, including those related to the EIB.

Although organisations regularly discuss concerns, problematic issues and projects with the EIB's management and staff, we feel that a first meeting between the EIB's board of directors and non-governmental organisations is very much overdue. You will be aware that good practice for holding such meetings has been established for some time now at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, whose respective boards hold semi-annual meetings with civil society organisations. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development equally holds a dedicated two-day civil society programme at its annual meeting, a forum that provides often productive discussion, information sharing and clarification on issues.

I would therefore ask you to consider holding a meeting with civil society organisations, and I look forward to hearing from you on this proposal.

Yours sincerely,
Anna Roggenbuck