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**Subject: EBRD consultation on draft Energy Sector Strategy**

Dear EBRD board member,

We now stand at a cross roads in two important respects when it comes to the revision of the EBRD Energy Sector Strategy.

As you might know, both the World Bank and particularly the EIB have recently taken significant steps to recognize and curtail some of the most damaging aspects of their energy lending policies.

Additionally the recent political developments in relation to Croatia's accession, Serbia and Kosovo's accord, and the change in government in Albania all point towards the forthcoming integration of the countries of South East Europe into the European Union; a cause for both celebration and concern in terms of reaching EU standards in energy and climate.

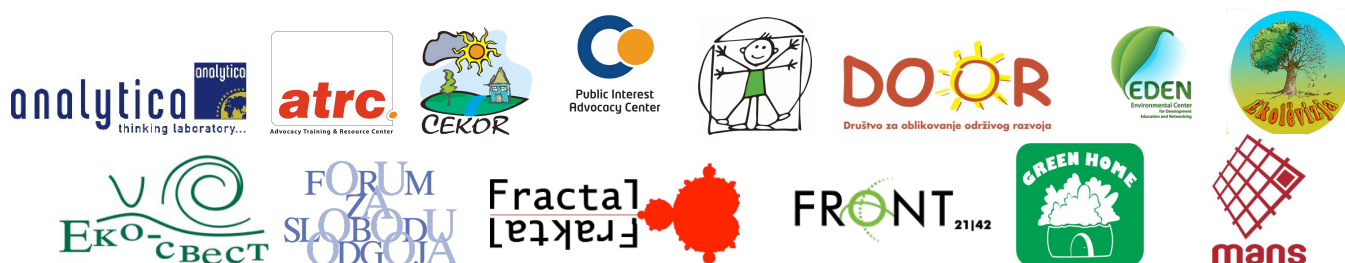
In this context and in preparation of the EBRD's public consultation set for 4th September in Belgrade, our networks have been working diligently to prepare cogent policy papers and research, which we believe should lead the EBRD to seriously consider improving its current draft Energy Sector Strategy released on 19th July.

Given the seriousness of the consultation in Belgrade and our concern that this should be more than a pro forma exercise, we are respectfully asking the EBRD to show genuine commitment to dialogue in respect to the following questions:

- What will be the composition of the EBRD team present? Will it include senior executive decision makers and/or board members?
- Will the attendees of the consultation meeting receive a draft report of the meeting for corrections?
- How will the EBRD team in charge show clearly in their follow up response documentation where and how they have improved the document itself – and not through a separate note – taking into account CSOs' inputs to the document?
- In cases where the EBRD competent team does not accept the points raised during the public consultation, how will it clearly state where it disagrees and provide proper justification?

We are taking the public consultation seriously and at face value, and we expect the EBRD to show that it is doing the same.

Kind regards,



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