

Reporting energy and finance in Europe's Neighborhood

Introduction

This workshop aims to familiarise reporters from European Neighbourhood countries with issues related to reporting energy and energy markets, particularly with a focus on European private and public investors in the Neighbourhood region. Specific attention will be given the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its role in energy finance. Following a one day workshop, participants will be accredited to attend the EBRD Annual Meetings and Business Forum in Istanbul. The workshop will be held 9 May 2013 prior to the EBRD meetings on 10-11 May 2013.

The workshop is open to participants from the following European Neighbourhood countries: Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Turkey.

Guests

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9.00 - 9.30 Introductions

9.30 - 11.15 [The oil road: journeys from the Caspian sea to the City of London](#) (presentation and Q&A with Platform and Guardian)

- In a unique journey from the oil fields of the Caspian Sea to the refineries and financial centres of Northern Europe, [Platform's](#) James Marriott and Mika Minio-Paluello track the concealed routes along which flows the lifeblood of our economy. From the revolutionary futurism of Baku in the 1920s to the unblinking capitalism of modern London, the drive to control the region's oil reserves – and hence people and events – has shattered environments and shaped societies.

11.30 - 13.00 An introduction to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (presentation and Q&A with Bankwatch)

- A relatively-unknown yet politically-significant financial actor in the carbon web surrounding the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyan pipeline, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development touted the BTC pipeline as the 'model development project,' in spite of its numerous socially and environmentally-damaging impacts. This sessions will provide a critical overview of EBRD policy and practice from civil society groups who have monitored the bank over the last decade.

Lunch

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14.00 - 15.30 Film screening of '[How we live](#)', followed by a presentation and Q&A of the EBRD's energy portfolio (session by Bankwatch)

- 'How We Live' is a short minute documentary which travels to the front lines of energy projects across Europe. From a Serbian mine to the boardrooms of Brussels; from Welsh protesters to a Georgian TV studio, the film explores how our emotional and physical geographies are changing from the way we generate power. Two of the vignettes in 'How we live' are EBRD-financed energy projects, which will provide a segue into a presentation and discussion Q&A on the EBRD and its energy sector lending portfolio.

16.00-17.00 Reporting the EBRD annual meetings (discussion Q&A with Guardian)

- This session will explore the [programme of events](#) at the EBRD annual meetings and what will be the major stories to anticipate. What can be expected at the meetings, who's who, what sessions are potentially interesting for participants?

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