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# Climate finance for ethical banking: the integration of environmental concerns in social aspects

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### Training outline

The domain of climate finance goes by several descriptions, such as Green New Deal, Just Transition, Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy, and Green Finance. Despite the different labels, they all converge on the primary objective of minimising greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change and enabling society to adapt to changes.

The objective of this training is to offer an overview of how Ethical Finance tackles the wide range of challenges arising from climate change. It is a complex analysis, which deals with hot-spot crises, as well as long term trends. The tools at the disposal of Social and Ethical Finance encompass financial instruments and measures that cater to the customers, alongside emergency measures in extreme cases.

Another tool that is key to unlocking more resources is in the policy field, where recent developments in the EU context provide guidance on the evolution of the climate change adaptation and mitigation and what the trends are.

To reflect this, the training will include real-life case studies from our members, alongside an analysis of the policy environment in the EU and what Social and Ethical Finance can do.

## Climate finance for ethical banking

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# Agenda

**Monday, 06 November 2023**  
**from 13:00 to 16:30** (time in CET), **online**  
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13:00 - 13:15	Introduction of the webinar and agenda
13:15 - 14:15	<b>Case Study</b> by <i>Panagiotis Torunavitis</i> How banks can react in the case of climate disaster
14:15 - 14:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>Activities of Cultura Bank</b> by <i>Jannike Østervold</i> Outline of activities related to climate change
15:00 - 16:00	<b>Policy aspects</b> by <i>Andrea Baranes</i> Discussion of the policy developments in the area of climate finance
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Joint Discussion and Wrap-Up</b> by <i>Wolfgang Spiess-Knalf</i>
16:15 - 16:30	<b>Wrap-up</b> <i>Gian-Luca Gasparini</i>

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# Meet the Speakers

## **Wolfgang Spiess-Knafl** ***European Center for Social Finance***

Wolfgang Spiess-Knafl works at the European Center for Social Finance, which delivers Technical Assistance services on behalf of FEBEA. He has an engineering background and started his career in investment banking. Wolfgang has been active in the field of social finance since 2009. His current main interests are emerging new technologies and their intersection with social and environmental objectives.



## **Panagiotis Tournavitis** ***Cooperative Bank of Karditsa***

In 2015 he was promoted to General Executive Director of the CBK. His main responsibilities are the human resources management, the investment strategy, the strategic planning of the bank, the design of new products and the quality management of the CBK. Mr Tournavitis is member and chief of the project team, formed by the CBK to implement national and international projects.



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## **Andrea Baranes** ***Banca Etica***

From 2016 until 2022 he was a member of the board of Banca Etica and in 2019 became vice-president. From 2006 to present he's been working as a researcher and a campaigner on ethical and sustainable finance at the Fondazione Finanza Etica (Ethical Finance Foundation) in Italy. He has been the President of the Foundation from 2011 to 2019. He has been a member of the board of some of the most important European networks working on financial issues and campaigns for a more sustainable finance, like BankTrack (2006 to 2012) and Finance Watch (2017 to 2019).



## **Jannike Østervold** ***Cultura Bank***

Jannike has worked in Cultura Bank since 1998 and as CEO since March 2022, after 7 years as deputy CEO. She is an economist from University of Oslo, with additional courses in informatics. After almost becoming a music-teacher, she decided to study economics instead.



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Its objective is to support the exchange of experiences and promote cooperation between social economy and social finance practitioners.

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- International solidarity and fair trade.



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