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## **RUSSIA'S TAXONOMY ON 'GREEN FINANCE' - HOW TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS**

**Date:** December 20, 2021  
**Time:** 15:00  
**Format:** Hybrid (AEB office/Zoom)

Concept: Several weeks ago, the government of the Russian Federation approved the taxonomy on "Green Finance". This provides a transparent and reliable framework for investors looking for financing environmental projects. Furthermore, the authors included "transition projects" in their methodology, referring to industrial projects with lower CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.

Vneshekonombank (VEB) has played a crucial role in developing the taxonomy, to which also AEB members contributed. International experts confirmed in Glasgow, that the Russian "Green Finance" taxonomy were in line with international standards. We propose to discuss the Russian framework for "Green Finance" in an international context: Which are the benefits in comparison with the EU taxonomy? How should the regulations be communicated outside the country to attract more international investors for environmental projects in Russia? How could the Russian government assist the local market gaining liquidity?

### **Program**

- 14:30 – 15:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 15.00 – 15.10 **Welcome addresses by Tadzio Schilling, Ernesto Ferlenghi**  
**Introduction by moderator, Florian Willershausen**
- 15.10 – 15.15 **Signing Ceremony: Memorandum of Understanding between VEB and AEB**
- 15.15 – 15.30 **Analytical review: Outcomes of COP26 and its relevance for Russia**  
**Milana Verkhunova**, Managing Director, ESG at Sberbank
- 15.30 – 15.45 **Russia's taxonomy on "Green Finance", presented by VEB.RF**  
**Oleg Pluzhnikov**, Director of the Green Finance Center, VEB.RF
- 15.45 – 16.00 **Financing the Russian energy transition by the means of "green" bonds**  
**Sean Kidney**, General Director, Climate Bond Initiative
- 16.00 – 16.30 **Q&A**