



Extracting the Potentials of Sustainable Finance

Extending Incentives and Lowering Systemic Risks

Agenda and Concept Note

*Joint event by the Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI)
and the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (MNB), the central bank of Hungary*

As part of its Green Program launched in 2019, the MNB joined CASI in 2024 as the first member institution from Central and Eastern Europe. The close cooperation continued with a joint webinar in November 2024 on climate risk related stress testing. As a Category B member, the MNB contributes with expertise and content to support CASI's capacity-building efforts in emerging and developing economies. The collaboration was strengthened when Dr. Ma Jun, Chairman of CASI, received the MNB's International Green Finance Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023. Building on this partnership, the MNB and CASI will co-host an in-person event in Budapest in August 2025, leveraging on the momentum of Dr. Ma Jun's participation at the AFCA Financial Summit Forum in Budapest. The event will provide a platform for knowledge exchange on sustainable finance, regional cooperation and will reflect on the cooperation between the two institutions.

Topics: green loans and their risks, climate stress test, green capital requirement discount program, capacity development

Date: 27 August 2025., 8:30 – 13:30

Venue: MNB Supervisory Centre and Money Museum (1122 Budapest, Krisztina krt. 6)
3rd floor conference room and lobby

Language: English

Number of guests: We are aiming for approximately 30 guests, but the event hall can house up to 100 guests max. The audience will include representatives of local commercial banks, mainly from the sustainable or green finance divisions, academia, researchers, members of sustainability working groups from various organizations, colleagues from the MNB.

Form of the event: in-person

Program:

8:30–9:00 **Registration**

9:00–9:10 **Inaugural Session:** Welcome remarks by MNB

- **Dr. Csaba KANDRÁCS**, Deputy Governor of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (MNB) **(confirmed)**

9:10–9:35 **Keynote Lecture:** Role of energy efficiency in mitigating risk

- **Dr. Monica BILLIO**, Full Professor, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy **(confirmed)**

9:35–10:25 **Panel Discussion:** Assessing the effect of green credit on risk-taking of commercial banks

Moderator:

- **Ms. Réka HÁMORI**, Director, Hungarian Banking Association (HBA) **(confirmed)**

Speakers:

- **Mr. Manas GIZH DUANIYEV**, CEO, AIFC Green Finance Centre, Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) **(confirmed)**
- **Ms. Jackie Na LIU**, Head of Sustainable Finance, ICBC Europe **(confirmed)**
- **Mr. Levente SUBA**, Head of Sustainability, K&H Group **(confirmed)**
- **Mr. Ádám CSÉCSEI**, Environmental Expert, Hungarian Export Import Bank Plc. (EXIM) **(confirmed)**

10:25 –10:40 **Coffee Break**

10:40–11:05 **Case Study Demonstration:** Managing climate risks: Green lending as a possible solution

- **Mr. Bálint VÁRGEDŐ**, Senior Analyst, Department of Sustainable Finance, MNB **(confirmed)**

11:05–11:45 **Panel Discussion:** CASI Academy and In-House Training Practice at Commercial Banks

Moderator: **Dr. Helena NAFFA**, Associate Professor, Sustainable finance professional, Corvinus University of Budapest **(confirmed)**

Speakers:

- **Mr. Lin CHENG**, Director, Institute of Finance and Sustainability **(confirmed)**
- **Mr. Daniel HOUSKA**, Head of Sustainable Finance Unit, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic **(confirmed)**
- **Ms. Ágnes MATIS**, Head of Strategic Risk Directorate, Erste Bank Hungary **(confirmed)**

11:45–12:05 **Fireside chat**

- Moderator: **Mr. Daniel HOUSKA**, Head of Sustainable Finance Unit, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic **(confirmed)**
- Speaker: **Dr. Jun MA** President, Beijing Institute of Finance and Sustainability (IFS), Chairman, Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI) **(confirmed)**

12:05–12:10 **Closing remarks by CASI**

- **Dr. Jun MA**, President, Beijing Institute of Finance and Sustainability (IFS), Chairman, Capacity-building Alliance of Sustainable Investment (CASI) **(confirmed)**

12:10–12:15 **Group photo**

12:15–13:30 **Lunch and Networking**

