



**Chapter
Zero Romania**
The Directors' Climate Forum

LAUNCH OF CHAPTER ZERO ROMANIA

The launch of Chapter Zero Romania will take place on
10 November 2021, 11:00 - 13:00.

The event is organized by the Independent Directors Association AAI in Romania in partnership with KPMG in Romania and will have virtual participation, bringing together high-level representatives from the public, private and academic sectors, including the Climate Governance Initiative (CGI) and the World Economic Forum.

Chapter Zero România is the Romanian Chapter of the Climate Governance Initiative, an international network of board directors established by the World Economic Forum in 2019 with a collective aim to address climate change at board level. There are currently 16 Chapters; Chapter Zero Romania will be the 17th Chapter.



11:00 - 11:10

Opening

Introduction of concept and announcement of Host, Board Members, Patrons

Sorana Baciu,

Founder Chapter Zero Romania



11:10 - 11:25

Keynote Speaker

Alexandra Bocse,

State Adviser on Climate and Sustainability at Presidential Administration of Romania



11:25 - 11:40

Keynote Speaker

Presentation of WEF Principles, the international network Climate Governance Initiative

Karina Litvack,

Chairman of the Governing Board, The Climate Governance Initiative

11:40 - 12:40

Panel

Panel – From compliance and reporting to competitive advantages through sustainable business practices

MODERATOR:



Peter Jansen
London School of
Business and Finance

SPEAKERS:



Ramona Jurubita
KPMG



Axel Kravatsky
ISO



Sergiu Oprescu
AlphaBank



Raul Pop
Ecoteca



Cristian Nacu
IFC



Ana Radnev
CMS



Alexandru Mihai Ghigiu
SNSPA



Mark Steven Davis
EBRD



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12:40 - 12:50

Objectives of Chapter Zero Romania

Simona Fătu,

President of the Independent Directors Association AAI

12:50 - 13:00

Closing remarks

Simona Fătu,

President of the Independent Directors Association AAI



Sorana Baci, Founder Chapter Zero Romania

Sorana Baci is an independent director and international consultant with extensive knowledge in policy formulation, strategy development, change management, and corporate governance. She has over twenty years of experience in senior positions in the private and public sectors. As Managing Partner of Acgenio, a consulting firm, her expertise is regularly sought out by international institutions such as the World Bank and EBRD.

Since 2015 Ms. Baci has served as a non-executive director on the boards of both public and private companies, such as Alpha Bank Romania, Idea Leasing, SNGN Romgaz SA, and IAR SA.

Ms. Baci was State Secretary with the Ministry of Economy (2015-2016) and the Chancellery of the Prime Minister (2016-2017) and was responsible for the Industrial Policy, Competitiveness and Corporate Governance for SOEs. Sorana Baci also headed the Inter-ministerial Committee for the accession of Romania to OECD (2016-2017).

In the last ten years, Sorana actively promoted corporate governance standards in both public and private businesses in Romania and the CEE region. From 2017 to 2021, Sorana has been the president of the Association of Independent Administrators in Romania, whose mission is to promote corporate governance for business excellence, and since May 2019 she is member of the Board of ecoDa (European Confederation of Directors Associations).



Karina Litvack, Chairman of the Governing Board, The Climate Governance Initiative

Karina serves on the boards of Italian Oil & Gas major Eni S.p.A., where she chairs the Sustainability & Scenarios Committee, and serves on the Remuneration Committee; Viridor Waste Management Limited, a KKR portfolio company, where she chairs the Board Sustainability Committee; and the CFA Institute, home of the professional qualification for investment management professionals, where she chairs the ESG Working Group of the Investment Sub-Committee and serves on the Governance Committee.

Since the passage of the Paris Agreement at CoP21 in 2015, Karina has also been working to build a global network for fellow board directors to share experiences, engage with technical experts and stakeholders, access specialised training, and help to drive more effective climate transition strategies in the boardroom. Under the auspices of the World Economic Forum, she co-founded the Climate Governance Initiative (CGI), home of the WEF Principles for Effective Climate Governance for Non-Executive Directors, where she chairs the Governing Board. The CGI operates through a network of 14 national and regional Chapters in APAC, EMEA and the Americas, often in collaboration with local institutes of directors.

Previously, Karina had a 25-year career in Finance, latterly running the Governance and Sustainable Investment activities of UK asset manager F&C Investments*.

** now BMO Global Asset Management, a unit of the Bank of Montreal*



Alexandra Bocse, State Adviser on Climate and Sustainability at Presidential Administration of Romania

Alexandra Bocse completed a PhD in Politics and International Studies and an MPhil in International Relations, both at University of Cambridge. Previously, she graduated from her BA in Political Science at the University of Bucharest, Department of Political Science as a Valedictorian. She has over seven years of experience teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels European Politics, Global Energy and Environmental Politics, and International Affairs at University of Cambridge, London School of Economics, and King's College London.

Since 2011, she also worked in analysis/advisory roles or provided advice to the European Union, governments of EU member states and intergovernmental organizations, in recent years particularly on energy and environmental politics and economics. Her research and analysis portfolio includes various policy and academic publications in leading journals in the fields of climate and energy, or International and also single authored a book on international energy and environmental policy networks.



Mark Steven Davis, Country Director – Romania & Bulgaria, EBRD

Mark Davis is the Country Director for Romania & Bulgaria, based in Bucharest. Prior to this, Mark was adviser to the VP Banking of EBRD.

Mark joined the EBRD as Head of Armenia. During his tenure, he led the expansion of the Bank's overall business locally, contributed significantly to the creation of the Armenian Private Equity Fund, and helped deepen local capital markets.

Prior to joining the EBRD, Mark was an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs in Moscow having previously worked for Morgan Stanley in London. Mark began his career at the World Bank in Washington D.C., where he was a senior country economist.



Ramona Jurubita, Country Managing Partner of KPMG in Romania

Ms. Jurubita is Country Managing Partner of KPMG in Romania, one of the largest consultancy firms on the Romanian market, offering Audit, Tax and Advisory services to Romanian and international clients, and heads the KPMG Impact initiative in Romania, the accelerator for KPMG's global ESG strategy.

Ms. Jurubita is active in efforts to promote a strong economic and social environment in Romania in which businesses can grow and individuals can achieve their potential. She is Vice President of the Board of the Foreign Investors Council, which advocates for policies promoting sustainable growth, a Board Member of United Way Romania, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of Bucharest University. She is keen to support strong public services, such as education, environment and healthcare, and encourages KPMG staff to participate in community projects.

Ms. Jurubita has several prestigious academic qualifications and is one of the most influential Romanian business women, as recognized by leading business publications, including Forbes and Business Magazine.



Axel Kravatzky, Ph.D., Managing Partner of Syntegra-ESG

Dr. Axel Kravatzky is Managing Partner of Syntegra-ESG, advising and guiding leaders on how to develop, activate and amplify the power of their brand and people to positively impact society and the natural environment profitably.

Axel is the Vice Chair of ISO/TC309 Governance of Organizations. He also serves as the co-convenor ISO/TC309/WG1 which developed the first international benchmark for good governance: ISO 37000:2021 Governance of Organizations – Guidance. Axel is currently also project leader of ISO 37006 Indicators of effective organizational governance – Guidance.



Dr. Alexandru Mihai Ghigi, Vice-Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest

Dr. Alexandru Mihai Ghigi is currently Vice-Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest, Romania. Previously he served as Senior Advisor to the Romanian Minister of National Education (2012-2014, 2016) and Deputy Minister in the General Secretariat of the Romanian Government (2017).

Dr. Ghigi holds a PhD in Political Science and attended several training courses in Europe and United States, like Universidad Complutense – Madrid (2013); École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) – Paris (2014), ETH - Swiss School of Public Governance – Zürich (2018), Kennedy School - Harvard University – Cambridge - SUA (2017 and 2018) etc.

Since August 2019, Mr. Ghigi is member of the Board of Romanian – US Fulbright Commission.



**Ana Radnev, Partner, Head of Finance at CMS Romania,
Co-Head of Sustainable Finance at CM**

Ana Radnev is an English and Romanian qualified partner in the International Finance group of CMS and the Head of CMS' Finance team in Romania. She acts for sponsors and lenders on complex structured multi-jurisdictional financing transactions and restructurings in Central and South-eastern Europe, Turkey and the Baltic countries, having been covering the region for over 20 years. She is particularly focusing on ESG linked financings and ESG considerations in finance transactions.



Cristian Nacu, Sr. Country Officer for Romania and Moldova, IFC

Romanian born and educated, with more than 20 years of experience in private equity, investment banking and privatization, Cristian Nacu is one of the most experienced and respected managers and investment professionals in the region.

Since March 2018, he is Sr. Country Officer for Romania and Moldova of International Finance Corporation, an institution of the World Bank Group, returning to IFC after 13 years. Previously, between 1999 and 2005, Cristian Nacu worked at IFC as investment professional.

For 12 years, between 2005 and 2017, he has been Partner in Enterprise Investors, one of the largest and oldest private equity firms in Central and Eastern Europe and he managed EI's Representative Office in Romania. For the last two years of this period, he has been senior advisor of the President of the firm. Enterprise Investors has been one of the most active and successful private equity investors in CEE and Romania, raising since 1990 nine funds with total capital exceeding EUR 2.5 billion.

Cristian Nacu had also a prestigious non-profit activity being board member or chairing many professional or non-profit organizations. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Junior Achievement Romania, one of the world largest educational organization for entrepreneurial skills and has been for many years President of SEEPEA, the South Eastern European Private Equity Association and board member of Nesst Foundation Romania, a supporter of social entrepreneurship.

Well recognized investment professional, he received numerous distinctions and awards.



**Sergiu Oprescu, Executive President, Alpha Bank Romania General
Manager of International Network, Alpha Bank**

Mr. Sergiu Oprescu has an extensive experience in banking and capital markets in Romania, with a career of over 28 years in the financial sector. He holds a MEng Graduate degree with concentration in Avionics from the Aeronautical Faculty, Politehnica University of Bucharest, he has a postgraduate degree in Banking from the University of Colorado and attended multiple executive program studies at Harvard Business School (HBS Alumni PPL class of 2019) and London Business School (LBS Alumni).

He joined Alpha Bank Romania in 1994 and held several senior positions before he was appointed Executive President in 2007. He served as Chairman of the Bucharest Stock Exchange from 2000 to 2006 and as President of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Association of Banks from 2015 to 2021. He is a Member of the Executive Committee at the European Mortgage Federation.

In 2019, he was appointed as General Manager of International Network of Alpha Bank Group and member of the Executive Committee of the Group, co-ordinating the international activity of Alpha in Cyprus, Romania, Albania, UK and Luxemburg.



Raul Pop, Consultant, manager and environmental activist

As a consultant, manager and environmental activist, Raul helps companies and public institutions to give coherence and sustainability to their business in the increasingly complex context of a rapidly changing world, combining elements of legislation, strategy, process optimization and productivity tools.

In addition to active involvement in civil society and in the development of the practical side of higher environmental education, Raul has twice held the public position of Secretary of State of the Ministry of Environment (Cioloş Government - 2016, Cîțu Government - 2021), he was adviser to ministers environment during 2020, with responsibilities in waste management and contaminated sites, air quality, climate change, coordination of the National Agency for Environmental Protection, the National Environmental Guard, the Administration of the Environmental Fund. He coordinated the elaboration and substantiation of the specialized chapter within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, approved in September 2021.



Peter Jansen, Principal Lecturer at London School of Business and Finance and Kingston University

Peter Jansen is an experienced academic lecturer, non-executive director, general manager and strategy and management consultant.

He has a PhD in corporate governance and board effectiveness and is currently a Principal Lecturer at London School of Business and Finance and Kingston University, specialised in corporate governance and sustainable business development. He has written several (academic) articles about board effectiveness and sustainable business development and is an active member of the Romanian Association of Independent Directors.

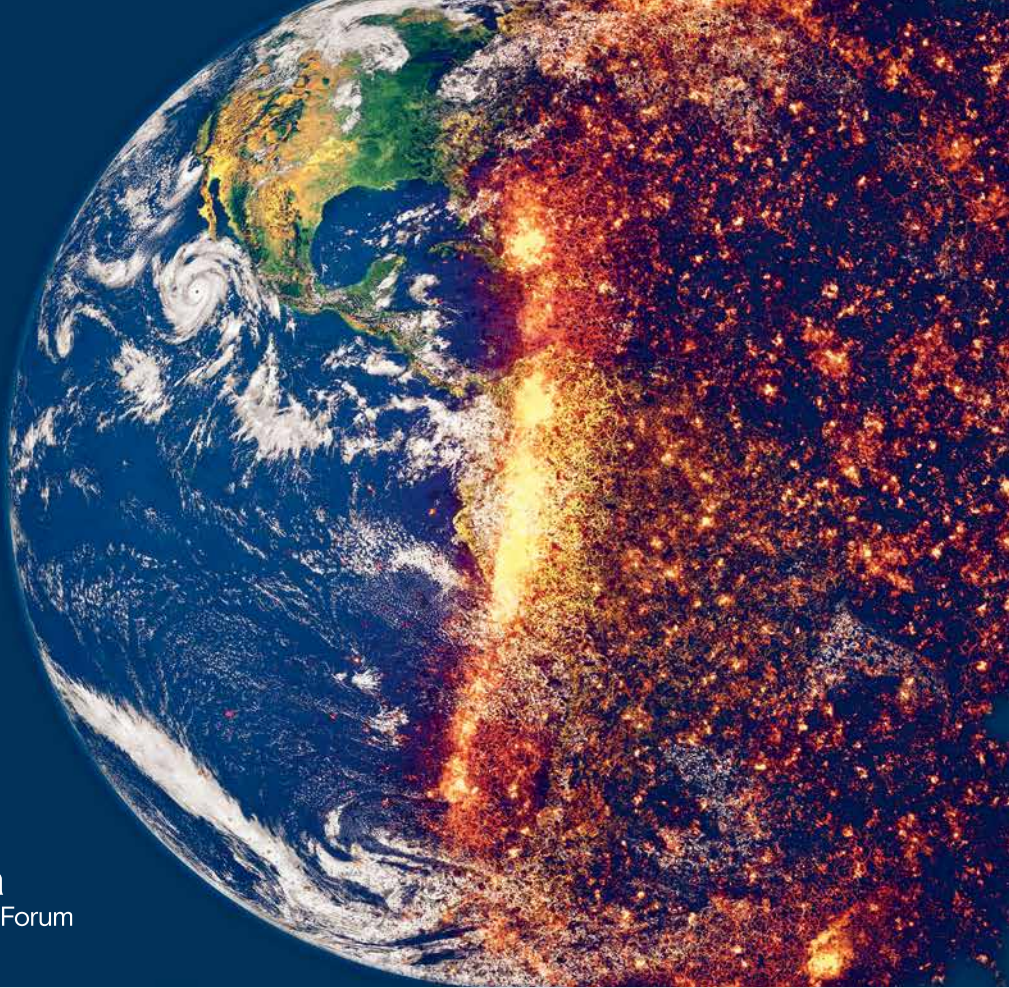
Mr Jansen was an independent board director at SNG Romgaz SA, where his main focus was on improving good corporate governance practices and pushing for a more sustainable future, and currently is a member of the supervisory board of Damen Shipyards Mangalia.



Simona Fătu, President of the Independent Directors Association AAI

Simona Fătu is an experienced executive and non-executive director serving more than 15 years at large companies acting in finance, energy, mineral resources and real estate. She held the public position of Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy (2021) being responsible for SOE's portfolio management. Her area of expertise includes, without being limited to corporate governance, business strategy, strategic management, corporate finance, and business development.

Simona is certified in "Board Practice and Directorship" by Henley Business School, University of Reading and is currently associate lecturer at Institutul de Studii Financiare and Envisia Boards of Elites, being specialized in corporate governance. She has several articles about Board role and responsibilities.



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