

FINAL PROGRAM

EMGN Spring Academy 2025 - Green Guarantee and ESG Monitoring

Where: Istanbul, Türkiye

When: 26th & 27th of May 2025

Introduction to the Academy

As climate change accelerates and environmental risks increasingly shape global finance, the guarantee sector must evolve to support a more sustainable and resilient private sector. Across the Mediterranean and beyond, Credit Guarantee Institutions (CGIs) are exploring new ways to incentivize green investment, integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria, and align with international sustainability standards.

While many institutions have already developed green guarantee products and taken steps toward ESG integration and monitoring, the need for clearer frameworks, shared indicators, and actionable strategies remains critical. There is growing momentum across both the MENA region and Europe to align financial guarantees with sustainability goals. EMGN is committed to supporting this transition by facilitating knowledge exchange and promoting regional convergence around common ESG approaches.

The EMGN Spring Academy 2025 will provide a platform for EMGN members to learn from good practices in green guarantee innovation, shared by peer institutions within the EMGN network and beyond. The academy will feature the participation of guest guarantee institutions from Finland and Kosovo.

Participants in the academy will also learn from experts representing renowned international organizations and regional guarantee funds with dedicated green mandates such as the Green Guarantee Group, the Development Guarantee Group, the Green Guarantee Company, KPMG Ghana, and the International Labour Organisation. The two-day program will combine peer-to-peer learning, best practice presentations, and interactive workshops designed to foster practical exchange and collaboration.

Day 1 will focus on Green Guarantee Schemes in Action, highlighting operational Green Guarantee Schemes. Participants will explore product design, impact measurement, and collaborative financing mechanisms.

Day 2 will address ESG Monitoring and Integration for guarantee institutions. International experts will introduce key ESG concepts, frameworks, and risk management practices. Participants will gain practical insights into how ESG criteria can be integrated into operations and risk assessment frameworks.

Objectives of the Academy

- Promote peer-to-peer exchange on green guarantee product design and implementation.
- Explore how ESG criteria can be integrated into internal processes, including risk assessment, reporting, and product development.
- Strengthen collaboration between MENA and European institutions in supporting the green transition and climate-resilient investment.
- Provide members with the tools and knowledge needed to align with international ESG standards and respond to evolving regulatory and market expectations.

26th of May: Green Financing in Action: Innovative Guarantee Instruments for a Sustainable Future

Start	End	Sessions & Speakers
09:00	09:15	Welcome and Registration
09:15	10:00	Opening Remarks Mr Joan Borrell, UfM Deputy Secretary General, UfM Prof Rym AYADI, President & Founder, the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, Spain*
10:00	10:30	Overview of progress happening in Green Guarantee by Green Guarantee Group Secretary Morgan DESPRÉS, Secretary of the Green Guarantee Group, Germany* Keynote Speech
10:30	11:00	Good Practice from Kosovo - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Scheme Besnik BERISHA, Managing Director, Kosovo Credit Guarantee Fund (KCGF), Kosovo 20 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
11:00	11:15	Coffee break
11:15	11:45	Good Practice from Finland – Journey and Implementation of Climate & Environmental loan Operation and Criteria for project screening Elias JOKINEN, Senior EU Finance Advisor, Finnvera plc, Finland* 20 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
11:45	12:15	Green Guarantee & Presentation of “SAFE”, upcoming Funding Scheme for Green Guarantee in the MENA and beyond Lasitha PERERA, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Development Guarantee Group and the Green Guarantee Company, United Kingdom 20 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
12:30	14:30	Lunch break
14:30	15:00	Good Practice from Morocco - Green Invest, a low-rate joint financing solution Abdelmoughite ABDELMOUMEN, Chief Strategy Officer, Tamwilcom, Morocco 30 min presentation
15:00	15:30	Good Practice from Jordan - Special program for green financing guarantees Amal JARADAT, Deputy Director General, Jordan Loan Guarantee Corporation, Jordan 30 min presentation
15:30	16:00	Good practices from Sauri Arabia, The Environment Fund Initiative Almutasem ALKHATEEB, Senior Business Development Specialist, Kalafah, Saudi Arabia 20 min presentation
16:00	17:00	World Café – Discussion about EMGN’s innovative green product, their implementation and impact Table 1 Host: Abdelmoughite ABDELMOUMEN, Tamwilcom, Morocco Table 2 Host: Amal JARADAT, Jordan Loan Guarantee Credit, Jordan Table 3 Host: Almutasem ALKHATEEB, Kalafah, Saudi Arabia

27th of May: Navigate ESG for the Guarantee Sector

Start	End	Sessions & Speakers
9:30	9:50	ESG & Corporate Good Practices Lasitha PERERA, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Development Guarantee Group, United Kingdom 30 min presentation & Q&A
9:50	10:20	A dive into ESG for guarantee institutions. Kwame Sarpong Barnieh, Partner at KMPG Ghana 20 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
10:20	11:00	Good practice from France – Green Guarantee and ESG in practice: Definition, Implementation, and Reporting Kévin THOUÉMENT, Head of International Partnerships, Bpifrance, France Amy HILLIARD, Climate Coordination Officer - Bpifrance, France* 30 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
11:00	11:15	Coffee Break
11:15	11:45	Good practice from Yemen – Embedding ESG in Credit Guarantees: From Principles to Practice Rami AL-SABRI, Managing Director, Yemen Loan Guarantee Program, Yemen* 20 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
11:45	12:10	People at the Core: Labor Rights in ESG Strategies Tomoka OMOTO, International Labour Organization (ILO), Switzerland* 15 min presentation – 10 min Q&A
12:10	12:30	Workshop on ESG – World Café Interactive Activity to support ESG Performance definition
12:30	12:40	Closing words and Certificate Award Ceremony

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