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Building, managing and nurturing a Board

Lessons for last mile distributors

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Agenda

1. Introduction and context
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 - Riad Rouf - JITA Bangladesh
 - Leslie Labruto – Acumen
 - Olivier Kayser – MD Hystra, Director at Boabab + and eKutir
3. Open Q&A
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An introduction to the GDC and CSV



GET.invest in a nutshell

A European programme to support investments in decentralised renewable energy, implemented by GIZ, hosted on the multi-donor platform GET.pro, and supported by the European Union, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Austria.

Advisory support via the “Finance Catalyst”

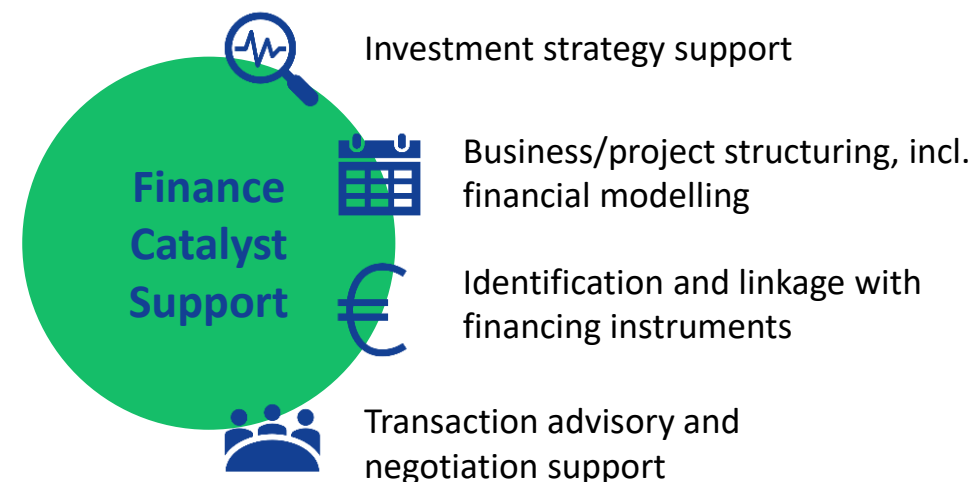
- Open facility linking projects/companies with finance
- 25+ experienced advisors, **~100active clients**

Private sector mobilisation

- Linking partners via offline&online events
- Market information, studies
- Supporting associations

Capacity development and other complementary work

- Incl. trainings, advisory/support to regulators, etc.



Today's webinar

Key topics we'll cover today:

- Selecting board members and understanding what skills your board needs
- Understanding what funders need to see in board structures
- Deciding whether to bring a funder onto your board
- Common governance pitfalls
- Building a board to meet the changing needs of your organisation

Why are we here?

- Governance is most often defined as:
‘The systems and processes that an organisation puts in place to facilitate effective, entrepreneurial and prudent management so that it can deliver long- term success of the company’
- Good governance and building an effective Board is hard

Why are we here?



Advantages of a board:

- Additional expertise
- Access to new networks
- Strategic vision
- Legal responsibilities

Why are we here?

- Many challenges LMDs face around governance are common across the SME and social enterprise sectors – but some are unique
- This webinar series aims to share insights and lessons learned from key stakeholders involved in LMD governance: LMDs themselves, funders and independent board members

Our panellists



Riad Rouf
JITA Bangladesh
GDC member and
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Leslie Labruto
Acumen
Investor



Olivier Kayser
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Independent board
member

Questions

Open Q&A

**What is the #1 recommendation
you would make to LMDs about
building an effective Board?**

Close

Reminder: Part 2 on Managing a Board takes place 18 May

Match-making: If you are a LMD looking for Board members, or a potential Board member looking for opportunities to work with a LMD, let us know!



Thank you!

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