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# Building, managing and nurturing a Board

## Lessons for last mile distributors

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# Agenda

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1. Introduction and context
2. Panel conversation
  - Alexandra Burrough – Live Well, Zambia
  - Adrian Ackeret – Elea Philanthropies, Director at Essmart
  - Pamela Roussos – Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship, Director at LivelyHoods
3. Open Q&A
4. Close

# An introduction to the GDC and CSV

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# 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”

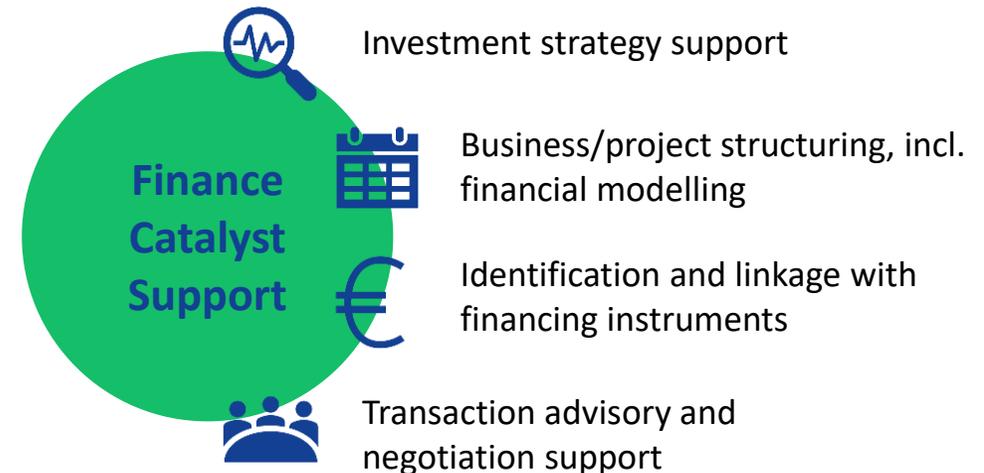
- Open facility linking projects/companies with finance
- 25+ experienced advisors, **~100 active clients**

## 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.



## Why are we here?

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- Good governance and building an effective Board is hard
- 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

# Today's webinar

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Key topics we'll cover today:

- How to get the most out of your board.
- Managing effective board meetings
- Working with your board to manage Founder and CEO transitions.
- Deciding how and when to move from a 'tick-the-box' board to a strategic one.

# Our panellists

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Alexandra Burrough  
**Live Well : Zambia**  
GDC member and CSV  
portfolio company



Adrian Ackeret  
**elea Foundation for  
Ethics in Globalization**  
Investor



Pamela Roussos  
**Miller Center for Social  
Entrepreneurship**  
Independent board member

# Questions

# Open Q&A

**What is the #1 recommendation  
you would make to LMDs about  
managing your board for success ?**

Close

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**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!

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