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## *AIIFL Seminar*

# Legal Reform in Transition Countries: the EBRD Approach

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**Room 303, 3/F KK Leung Building, University of Hong Kong**

Since the mid-1990s, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, through its Legal Transition Programme, has been helping to create an investor-friendly, transparent and predictable legal environment in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Activities include international standard-setting, assessing commercial and financial laws in the region, and delivering technical assistance to governments. The seminar will first look at the results obtained to-date and consider the current trends in international legal technical assistance ; in a second part, the speakers will share with the audience the most recent research conducted by the EBRD in the mortgage law and mortgage securities sectors.

Before becoming Team Leader of the EBRD Legal Transition and Knowledge Management team, Michel worked for almost three years as counsel on banking operations section, where he was responsible for legal aspects of various investments of the Bank, with a particular focus on SME financing. Michel has practiced as a commercial lawyer in Geneva, Moscow and London. While in private practice, Michel acted as Swiss correspondent for various legal publications and has also published a number of articles on Swiss and Russian legal matters. Michel, who is a Swiss national, received his Masters Degree in Law from the University of California at Berkeley and also was a visiting scholar at the Moscow State University.

Frederique is responsible for the Secured Transactions Legal Reform Project. Before joining the Bank, she was a Lecturer at the University of Essex, UK teaching Comparative Law, European Company Law, Cross-Border Insolvency and Business and Corporate Law Issues in Central and Eastern Europe. She was also a Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, UK. Frederique has published a number of articles on secured transactions, including in the Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law, The Uniform Law Review, Uniform Commercial Code Law Review, and European Business Law Review. Frederique, a French national, is qualified as a French solicitor. She received her Doctorate in Law from the University of Paris 1, Pantheon-Sorbonne.

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