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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
  - Riad Rouf - JITA Bangladesh
  - Leslie Labruto – Acumen
  - Olivier Kayser – MD Hystra, Director at Boabab + and eKutir
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”

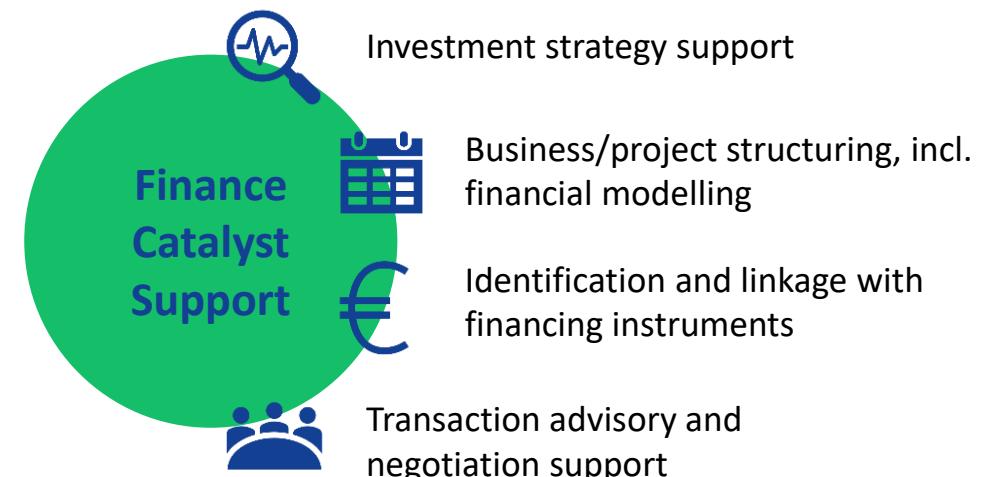
- Open facility linking projects/companies with finance
- 25+ experienced advisors, ~100 active clients

## 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.



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# Today's webinar

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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?

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- 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

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Advantages of a board:

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

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- 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

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Riad Rouf  
**JITA Bangladesh**  
GDC member and  
CSV portfolio  
company



Leslie Labruto  
**Acumen**  
Investor



Olivier Kayser  
**Hystra**  
Independent board  
member

# Questions

# Open Q&A

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

**Close**

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**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!

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