

I. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

since
2017

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Amman, Jordan.

*Regional Director Eastern Mediterranean,
Jordan, West Bank and Gaza, Lebanon, based in Amman*

Highlights:

- Overseeing the successful expansion of the EBRD to Lebanon: build-up of a local team in Beirut; signing of EUR 244m in the first full year of operation; building a policy dialogue footprint in SME lending and advisory, Renewable Energy and PPPs through multiple engagements with the authorities including at the CEDRE conference.
- Piloting new inclusive procurement models to respond to the regional refugee crises. Leading the institutionalisation of EBRD's Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (IPPF) into the Jordanian PPP platform, piloting a comprehensive Green City Action Plan with the Greater Amman Municipality.
- Leading successful negotiations with the Palestinian authority and the Israeli government on the ground in Ramallah and Jerusalem in relation to EBRD's engagement (including strategic priorities, multilateral status, privileges and immunities, and operational set up); highlight the first impact bond signing for youth employment in West Bank and Gaza and financing of the role out of a Jordanian medical laboratory outfit across the West Bank.
- First EBRD global annual meeting in the Middle East in 2018: leading the negotiations with the Jordanian Government to ensure a successful, impactful and innovative AGM with the highest level country representation (both majesties actively participated in the event), including wide visibility in all media.
- Regular judge on the joint MIT ReACT "innovate for refugees" panel as well as USAID supported "beyond capital" start up panel. Led the pilot of EBRD's "star venture" SME start up programme.

2019-
2020

World Economic Forum (WEF)

invited Member of the **Global Future Council on the Humanitarian System**

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2013

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Amman, Jordan.

Head of Office, EBRD, Jordan

Highlights:

- Setting up the first EBRD office in Jordan (including negotiations with the government on EBRD's strategic priorities, multilateral status, privileges and immunities, building a team of 12 professionals in the first year and growing it to 20 by mid-2017).
- 180 mn EUR of investment projects signed in the first 12 months; crossing the 1.3 bn USD investment threshold at the end of 2018, including MSME lending facilities with Partner Bank's and Microfinance Institutions. Led a team to implement over 300 SME advisory projects.
- Leading the first EBRD country strategy for Jordan (key focus on sustainable energy, inclusive growth and viable municipal infrastructure). Pilot the EBRD's sustainable tourism initiative in Jordan.

II. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2010
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2012

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London, UK.

*Senior Regional Economist, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Region (SEMED) and Turkey;
Co-lead of EBRD's "Private Sector for Food Security Initiative"*

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- Raising over EUR 3 mn donor funding for technical cooperation and analysis projects to improve food security across the old transition region and SEMED.
- Representing EBRD on key policy events: G20 Deputy Agriculture Minister meeting; Deauville Partnership coordination events; FAO High-Level Expert Forum: How to Feed the World in 2050; Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) board meetings; Aid for Trade (WTO, Geneva), MDB working group on Food Security.
- Co-organising a conference on “Private Sector for Food Security” (with Gilles Mettetal, Director Agribusiness) which was the largest gathering of the private sector to discuss global food security issues with over 100 CEOs and Agricultural Ministers from Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia and Egypt.

- 2010 **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Moscow, Russia.**
Principal Economist; conducting policy dialogue on food security and innovation with several Russian Ministries; joined agribusiness bankers across a wide variety of client engagement in different sectors; leading research on competition, innovation and growth in transition economics including research on innovation policy and subsidies on performance in Russia (joint with Philippe Aghion).
- 2006 – 2009 **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London, UK.**
Economist; until 2007 country economist of the Baltic States; from 2007 country economist for Armenia & Turkmenistan, sector economist for Agribusiness, Telecom, and Property Investments CIS; research on the impact of microfinance in Bosnia and Mongolia using randomised field experiments.
- 2003 – 2006 **The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London, UK.**
Researcher; Productivity and Innovation Sector; designing training on supermarket competition for the UK competition authority; analysing the effect of planning regulation for the UK and German retail industry; evaluating the impact of trust in experience goods markets.
- 2004 **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, (EBRD) London, UK.**
Economic Consultant; evaluating the economic effect of the Charges Law Reform in the Slovak Republic.
- 2001 – 2003 **Economist Intelligence Unit, (EIU), London, UK.**
Economist; adapting the G8 forecasting model for emerging markets and developing countries; developed a new evaluation technology for EIU’s MBA ranking (“Which MBA”).

III. EDUCATION

- 2006 **PhD in Economics, University College London, UK.**
Thesis: “Learning to Consume”; **Supervisor:** Professor Sir Richard Blundell
- 2001 **Graduate Studies of Economics, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany.**
Diploma (M.Sc. equivalent) (with distinction).
- 1997 **General Course of Arabic Linguistics, University of Damascus, Syria. Language Diploma.**
- 1995 **Mechanical Engineering & Economics Dual Vordiplom (B.Sc. equivalent), Technical University Darmstadt, Germany.**

IV. ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

- since 2014 **Fellow of the WZB Berlin (Berlin Social Science Center).**
Scientific Advisory Board, Board Member, IAMO, Leipzig/Germany.
- Scholarships from the Economic and Social Research Council (UK), the German Merit Foundation, Harvard University, IFS/AIM, and the Volkswagen Foundation.**
- Selected peer-reviewed publications in *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, The Economist’s Voice, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, and Public Choice.* For a complete list see <http://bit.do/heikeharmgart>**