

AFME/OMFIF's 4th Annual European Financial Integration Conference

28 May 2024

08:00 / Registration and networking

08:45 / Welcome remarks

SPEAKER



Adam Farkas

Chief Executive Officer, AFME



John Orchard

Chief Executive Officer, OMFIF

08:55 / Opening address

SPEAKER



Rachel Zahra

Chief Operating Officer, BNY Mellon

09:10 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Margarita Delgado

Deputy Governor,

09:35 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Jörg Kukies

State Secretary in the Federal Chancellery, Federal Chancellery

Panel discussion

10:05 / Macroeconomic and macropolitical outlook – Are divergences threatening resilience, European investability and a “soft landing” scenario?

OVERVIEW

- / Divergences and fragmentation vs convergences and integration : which trends will prevail and who will drive them?
- / Assessing strategic asset allocations in the current macroeconomic environment
- / Resilience to shocks: remarkable so far, but threatened by slow recovery?
- / Will a “soft landing” scenario be achieved?
- / Are monetary and fiscal policies pulling in the same direction?
- / Do lower growth, higher-for-longer rates, and reduced fiscal space push for structural reforms?
- / What are the main emerging and potential risks?

MODERATOR

John Orchard

Chief Executive Officer, OMFIF

SPEAKER



Birgit Niessner

Director Economic Analysis and Research Department Oesterreichische Nationalbank

11:05 / Networking break

11:40 / [Panel discussion](#)
Can Technology and Financial Innovation Improve European Financial Integration?

OVERVIEW

- / What are the trends in technological transformation and how can they help reduce fragmentation?
- / Is the push towards a harmonised framework (from operational resilience to crypto assets) promoted by the EU digital finance agenda delivering on its objectives?
- / Is DLT technology leading to a new financial ecosystem? Which use cases are being deployed in capital markets and what is the impact of the lack of standardisation?
- / Wholesale CBDCs – What progress has been made? Is this an essential building block for digitalisation or alternative options could be considered?

MODERATOR

Stefano Mazzocchi

Managing Director, Advocacy, AFME

SPEAKER



Adriana Ennab

Policy expert on Digital Finance



Gerry Cross

Director Financial Regulation – Policy and Risk, Central Bank of Ireland



Holger Neuhaus

Head Market Innovation & Integration Division, Directorate General Market Infrastructure & Payments, European Central Bank



Peter Kerstens

Advisor, European Commission DG FISMA



Sebastian Mayer

Managing Director, Protiviti

12:50 / Networking Lunch

13:50 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Lorenzo Bini Smaghi
Chairman,

Panel discussion

14:15 / Achieving Integration, Competitiveness and
Sustainability: Priorities for the new EU legislative cycle

OVERVIEW

- / How to enhance the competitiveness of the EU financial system? Priorities from the real economy perspective.
- / How to build a more holistic approach to policy making?
- / What EU priorities for relaunching European financial integration?
- / Is the work towards the Sustainable Finance framework achieving its objectives? Ensuring effective allocation of resources towards the green transition

MODERATOR



Sabine Dittrich
Head of EU Financial Regulation, Slaughter and May

SPEAKER



Alexandra Jour-Schröder
Deputy Director General, European Commission



Christophe Bories

15:15 / Networking break

Panel discussion

15:45 / The next phase of CMU: Incremental vs transformational: what should be the focus in the short term and what are the long term objectives?

OVERVIEW

- / What initiatives could be promoted at Member State level and how to leverage on those to promote European scale and integration?
- / Is new momentum building up? The foundations built so far and the discussions in the context of the Eurogroup, Draghi Report on competitiveness, Letta Report on Single Market

MODERATOR



Jacqueline Mills
Managing Director, Head of Advocacy, AFME

16:45 / Closing remarks

SPEAKER



Stefano Mazzocchi

Managing Director, Advocacy, AFME

17:00 / End of conference and drinks reception