

CONFERENCE

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

28 May 2024 / Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof

08:00 / Registration and networking

08:45 / Welcome remarks

SPEAKERS



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

SPEAKERS



Giovanni Callegari

Head of Economic and Risk Analysis, European Stability Mechanism



Johannes Lindner

Co-Director, Jacques Delors Centre



Birgit Niessner

Director, Economic Analysis and Research Department, Oesterreichische Nationalbank



Mark Wall

Chief European Economist, Deutsche Bank AG London

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

SPEAKERS



Gerry Cross

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



Adriana Ennab

Policy expert on Digital Finance



Peter Kerstens

Advisor, European Commission DG FISMA



Sebastian Mayer

Managing Director, Protiviti



Holger Neuhaus

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

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

SPEAKERS



Christophe Bories

Head of division financial sector department, Financing Ministry – General Direction Treasury



Torry Berntsen

Executive Vice-Chairman, CIB Europe, Americas, Middle East and Africa, Standard Chartered Bank



Alexandra Jour-Schröder

Deputy Director General, European Commission



Michael McGrath J.

Assistant Secretary, Financial Services Division, Department of Finance Ireland



Florian Toncar

Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance

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

SPEAKERS



Niels Brab

Head of Group Regulatory Strategy, Government Relations & Political Affairs, Chief Regulatory Officer, Deutsche Börse



Vittorio Grilli

Chairman of the Corporate and Investment Bank EMEA & Italy, JP Morgan



Björn Storim

Chief Executive Officer, BNY Mellon



Tuomas Saarenheimo

President of the Economic and Financial Committee and the Eurogroup Working Group, Council of the European Union



Thomas Wieser

Bruegel

16:45 / Closing remarks

SPEAKER



Stefano Mazzocchi

Managing Director, Advocacy, AFME

17:00 / End of conference and drinks reception