

CONFERENCE

# *AFME's European Financial Integration Conference 2026*

19 May 2026 / The Westin Grand Frankfurt

## *Day 1 - Tuesday, 19 May 2026*

13:30 / Registration and networking

14:00 / Welcome remarks

### SPEAKER



Adam Farkas

Chief Executive Officer, AFME

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14:15 / [Keynote address by](#)  
Claudia Buch, Chair of the Supervisory Board at the ECB

### SPEAKER



Claudia Buch

Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

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14:45 / **Panel discussion**  
**The banking supervisory architecture and its role on integration**

## OVERVIEW

- / EU supervisory architecture and integration: going hand in hand?
- / Where could banks experience improvements (predictability, proportionality, cross border efficiency, faster supervisory cycles)?
- / Reducing fragmentation inside the Banking Union - which bottlenecks most hinder cross border banking today. Role of supervision.
- / Reflecting the simplification priorities and competitiveness considerations into the supervisory framework.
- / Making the SSM more integrated and agile - how will reforms to the SREP improve supervisory convergence and reduce compliance friction?
- / How can national authorities and EU authorities strengthen mutual trust and mediation tools.
- / Where can ECB/SSM processes become faster, more predictable to cut execution risk for crossborder groups?

## SPEAKERS



**Jessica Kaffren**

Managing Director, Member of the Management Board, Head of Operations, Outsourcing and Technology, JP Morgan Chase



**Michael Theurer**

Member of the Executive Board, Bundesbank

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15:30 / **Networking break**

16:00 / **Keynote address by**  
**Gabriel Makhoulouf, Governor at the Central Bank of Ireland**

## SPEAKER



**Gabriel Makhoulouf**

Governor, Central Bank of Ireland

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Panel discussion

16:30 / **Competitiveness of the banking sector in Europe**

## OVERVIEW

- / What does “competitiveness” mean for the European banking sector? Where should we see tangible improvements first?
- / Banking Union and integration - Which priority actions to build a single market and unlock real crossborder synergies?
- / Simplification - How can we reduce complexity while maintaining resilience?
- / What areas – from complex capital stack to resolution requirement, from market risk to liquidity requirements – need to be in focus when considering issues which have a negative impact on competitiveness?

## SPEAKERS



**Karen Braun-Munzinger**

Member of the Board, SRB



**Christopher Cant**

Head of Banks Strategy, Autonomous Research



**Elena Carletti**

Professor of Finance, Bocconi University

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17:30 / **Closing remarks**

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17:45 / **Drinks reception**

# Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

08:00 / Registration and networking

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08:45 / Welcome remarks

## SPEAKER



Adam Farkas

Chief Executive Officer, AFME

08:50 / Opening remarks

## SPEAKER



Christopher Porter

Country Manager for Germany, BNY

09:00 / [Keynote address by](#)  
**Petra Hielkema, Chairperson for EIOPA**

## SPEAKER



Petra Hielkema

Chairperson, EIOPA

# Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

09:30 / **Panel discussion**  
**A successful SIU strategy**

## OVERVIEW

- / What are the priorities for the SIU strategy? What would a concrete success look like for the SIU at the end of this EU legislative term in 2029?
- / The Market Integration and Supervision package – is it progressing with adequate momentum and in the right direction?
- / Mobilising private capital - beyond public resources, which levers are most effective in the next months and years? How can European innovative companies be financed and scaled up?
- / Securitisation as a litmus test - what actions are essential to revive issuance and demand? Is the level of ambition adequate?

## SPEAKERS



**Stefano Cappiello**

Director General, Ministry of Finance



**Nelius De Groot**

Head of Markets International, BNY



**Samuel Riley**

Chief Executive Officer, Clearstream



**Harald Waiglein**

Director General, AT BMF; Chair EU FSC

10:30 / **Networking break**

11:00 / **Keynote address by**  
**Mário Centeno, Economist and former Governor of the Bank of Portugal**

## SPEAKER

**Mário Centeno**

Economist and former Governor of the Bank of Portugal

11:25 / [Panel discussion](#)  
**DLT and digital assets**

## OVERVIEW

- / Can an integrated capital market be easier to achieve for digital assets?
- / What would future FMI look like? How to promote standardisation and interoperable infrastructures?
- / What role should central banks play in this transformation? What impacts from the ECB work on the Pontes and Appia projects?

## SPEAKER

**Dimitri Pattyn**

Deputy Director General, European Central Bank

11:50 / [Panel discussion](#)  
**Digital Innovation and Integration**

## OVERVIEW

- / What is the potential role of tokenization for the transformation of capital markets?
- / How could digital innovations – from AI, big data and quantum computing - interact to promote deeper and more integrated financial markets?
- / Cybersecurity and resilience
- / Sovereignty considerations (CADA proposals)
- / Digital simplification

12:30 / **Networking lunch**

13:30 / [Keynote address by Jorg Kukies, former Federal Minister of Finance of Germany](#) ,  
**The competitiveness agenda and the need for stronger financial integration in Europe**

## SPEAKER



**Jörg Kukies**

Economist and former Federal Minister of Finance of Germany

14:00 / [Panel discussion](#)  
**The role of EU securities markets supervision in fostering integration**

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**Andrea Gentilini**

Head of Market Infrastructure Division, CSSF and Chair ESMA PTWG



**Paloma Marín**

Vice Chair, Spanish National Securities Market Commission, CNMV

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15:00 / **Networking break**

15:30 / [Panel discussion](#)  
**The need for EU financial integration in light of global economic developments**

## OVERVIEW

- / Fragmentation vs integration: evidence and latest trends
  - / Impact and economic benefits of a successful implementation of the SIU strategy
  - / Global dynamics and their impacts on European financial integration
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## ***Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026***

Keynote address by

**16:30 / Maria Luis Albuquerque, Commissioner for Financial Services  
and the Savings and Investments Union, European Commission**

### **SPEAKER**



**Maria Luis Albuquerque**

Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings Investments Union, European Commission

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**17:00 / Closing remarks**

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**17:10 / End of conference and drinks**