

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

14:15 / Keynote address

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Claudia Buch

Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

14:45 / Panel discussion: A successful SIU strategy: achievements, priorities, actions

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?

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Nelius De Groot

Head of Markets International, BNY



Samuel Riley

Chief Executive Officer, Clearstream

15:45 / Networking break

16:45 / Fireside chat: Strengthening the 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?

SPEAKER



Gabriel Makhoul

Governor, Central Bank of Ireland

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17:15 / Closing remarks

17:30 / Drinks reception

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08:50 / Welcome remarks

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Adam Farkas
Chief Executive Officer, AFME

09:00 / Keynote address

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Petra Hielkema
Chairperson, EIOPA

09:25 / Panel discussion: The supervisory architecture’s contribution to integration: The markets perspective

OVERVIEW

- / Integrated supervision of EU security market supervision: how to build it? Opportunities and challenges of supervisory centralisation
- / Experience so far in the use of convergence tools.
- / Lessons from the SSM experience
- / Ensuring an agile rulebook. Reflecting the simplification priorities and competitiveness considerations into the supervisory framework

10:15 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Mário Centeno

Economist and former Governor of the Bank of Portugal

10:40 / Networking break

11:10 / Panel discussion: Leveraging on innovation to integrate markets: The role of DLT & Stablecoins – opportunities & challenges

OVERVIEW

- / Can an integrated capital market be easier to achieve for digital assets?
- / What is the potential role of tokenization for the transformation of capital markets?
- / What would future FMIs 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?
- / How could digital innovations – from AI, big data and quantum computing - interact to promote deeper and more integrated financial markets?
- / Focus on developments and impacts of stablecoins.

12:10 / Fireside chat: Delivering on the simplification objectives and relevance for integration

OVERVIEW

- / How to achieve simplification in financial services?
- / What are the priority actions and how to deal with any possible trade-offs?
- / Is it a matter of streamlining rules or is a more fundamental architectural and philosophical shift necessary?
- / How much complexity originates from fragmentation? And is integration per se a simplification force?

12:40 / Networking lunch

13:40 / Keynote address

SPEAKER



Jörg Kukies

Economist and former Federal Minister of Finance of Germany

14:10 / Panel discussion: The global perspective and role of global fora

OVERVIEW

- / The future of global cooperation in setting shared principles and standards in wholesale financial markets
- / Areas where global cooperation remains or will become important
- / Does the global regulatory architecture remain fit for purpose in the current environment?
- / Does the mission of global fora requires a rethink of their key mission and priorities?

15:10 / Networking break

15:40 / Keynote address/Fireside chat: The supervisory architecture's contribution to integration. The banking perspective

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?
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Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

16:20 / Panel discussion/Fireside chat: The latest trends in market integration and the macroeconomic and geopolitical background

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

17:00 / Closing remarks

17:10 / End of conference and drinks