

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

14:10 / [Keynote address by](#)
Claudia Buch, Chair of the Supervisory Board at the ECB

SPEAKER



Claudia Buch

Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

14:40 / **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?

MODERATOR



Arved Kolle

Managing Director, AFME

SPEAKERS



Henning Berger

Partner, White & Case



Jessica Kaffren

Member of the Management Board, COO, J.P. Morgan SE



Michael Theurer

Member of the Executive Board, Bundesbank

15:25 / **Networking break**

Day 1 - Tuesday, 19 May 2026

Keynote address

15:55 / **One Single Market: Goods, Services and Capital**

SPEAKER



Gabriel Makhoulouf

Governor, Central Bank of Ireland

Panel discussion

16:25 / **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?

MODERATOR



Jacqueline Mills

Managing Director, Head of Advocacy, AFME

SPEAKERS



Karen BRAUN-MUNZINGER

Member of the Board, SRB



Christopher Cant

Head of Banks Strategy, Autonomous Research



Elena Carletti

Professor of Finance, Bocconi University



Joerg Hessenmueller

Chief Technology and Operations Officer for Europe, and Standard Chartered Bank AG



Jaime Pérez Renovales

Group General Counsel, Banco Santander

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17:30 / Closing remarks

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

Keynote address

08:50 / **Unlocking Europe's Savings and Investment Potential: A
View from the European Insurance and Pension Regulator**

SPEAKER



Petra Hielkema

Chairperson, EIOPA

Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

09:20 / **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?

MODERATOR



Laura Noonan

Senior Reporter, Global Finance, Bloomberg News

SPEAKERS



Stefano Cappiello

Director General Financial Regulation and Supervision, Ministry of Economy and Finance



Nelius De Groot

Head of Markets International and Markets Chief Operating Officer., BNY



Susana de Antonio Horcajo

Head of Primary Markets, BME/SIX



Samuel Riley

Chief Executive Officer, Clearstream



Harald Waiglein

Director General, AT BMF; Chair EU FSC

10:20 / **Networking break**

Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

10:50 / [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 FIMs 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?

MODERATOR



Peter Tomlinson

Managing Director, Equities Trading and Post Trade, AFME

SPEAKERS



Christoph Hock

Head Tokenisation & Digital Assets



Mattias Levin

Acting head of unit, European Commission – DG FISMA

Dimitri Pattyn

Deputy Director General, European Central Bank

12:10 / [Panel discussion](#)
Digital Innovation and Integration

OVERVIEW

- / 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

MODERATOR



Stefano Mazzocchi

Managing Director and Deputy Head Advocacy, AFME

SPEAKERS



Mattias Levin

Acting head of unit, European Commission – DG FISMA



Stephen Martin

Head of Financial Services Compliance and Security for EMEA and APAC, AWS



Cornelia Tomczak

Managing Director, Protiviti

[Lunch & Learn with State Street](#)
12:55 / **Beyond the Iran War:
Takeaways for Global Investors?**

OVERVIEW

- / Join Elliot Hentov, Ph.D., Chief Macro Policy Strategist at State Street Investment Management, and his colleagues, for a Lunch at Learn session on Wednesday 20 May, to discuss the broader macro and geopolitical landscape and what impact we see on markets.

12:55 / **Networking lunch**

13:55 / **AFME Voices Live from EFI 2026:**
A discussion with Rodrigo Buenaventura, Secretary General, IOSCO

SPEAKER



Rodrigo Buenaventura
Secretary General, IOSCO

Panel discussion

14:30 / **Integration in EU securities markets: what balance
between market forces, regulation and supervision?**

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

MODERATOR



Remi Kireche
Director, Advocacy, AFME

SPEAKERS



Andrea Gentilini
Head of Market Infrastructures Division (CSSF), Chair ESMA PTWG



Sven Kasper
International Head of Public Policy, State Street



Paloma Marín
Vice Chair, Spanish National Securities Market Commission, CNMV

15:20 / **Networking break**

Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Panel discussion

15:50 / **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

MODERATOR



Jim Rusagara

Associate Director, AFME

SPEAKERS



Marco Buti

Tommaso Padoa Schioppa chair at the Robert Schuman Centre, EUI



Laurent Maurin

Head of Economic Studies Division, Economics Department, European Investment Bank

Keynote address by

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

SPEAKER



María Luis Albuquerque

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

17:00 / **Closing remarks**

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