

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

### SPEAKER



Claudia Buch

Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

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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

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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

# *Day 1 - Tuesday, 19 May 2026*

17:30 / Closing remarks

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17:45 / Drinks reception

# Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

08:00 / Registration and networking

08:00 / Registration and networking

08:45 / Welcome remarks

## SPEAKER



Adam Farkas

Chief Executive Officer, AFME

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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

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# 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 Capiello**

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

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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

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11:20 / [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

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12:00 / **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

12:40 / **Networking lunch**

13:40 / **Keynote address**

## SPEAKER



**Rodrigo Buenaventura**

Secretary General, IOSCO

# Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Panel discussion

**14:15 / 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

## SPEAKERS



**Andrea Gentilini**

Head of Market Infrastructure Division (CSSF), Chair ESMA PTWG, Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier



**Paloma Marín**

Vice Chair, Spanish National Securities Market Commission, CNMV

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**15:00 / Networking break**

**15:25 /** [Keynote address by Jorg Kukies, former Federal Minister of Finance of Germany](#) ,  
**The competitiveness agenda and the need for stronger financial integration in Europe**

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# Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Panel discussion

15:55 / **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

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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

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17:00 / **Closing remarks**

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