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 - 14:10

Welcome remarks

Speaker

Adam Farkas
Chief Executive Officer, AFME

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14:10 - 14:45

Claudia Buch, Chair of the Supervisory Board at the ECB

Speaker

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Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

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PANEL DISCUSSION

14:40 - 15:25

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

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15:55 - 16:20

One Single Market: Goods, Services and Capital

Speaker

Gabriel Makhlouf
Governor, Central Bank of Ireland

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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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 singlemarket 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

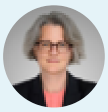
Speakers

Christopher Cant
Head of Banks Strategy, Autonomous Research

Elena Carletti
Professor of Finance, Bocconi University

Jaime Pérez Renovales
Group General Counsel, Banco Santander

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



Karen BRAUN-MUNZINGER
Member of the Board, SRB

17:30 - 17:45

Closing remarks

17:45 / Drinks reception

Day 2 - Wednesday, 20 May 2026

08:00 / Registration and networking

08:45 - 08:50

Welcome remarks

Speaker

Adam Farkas
Chief Executive Officer, AFME

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08:50 - 09:20

Unlocking Europe’s Savings and Investment Potential: A View from the European Insurance and Pension Regulator

Speaker

Petra Hielkema
Chairperson, EIOPA

PANEL DISCUSSION

09:20 - 10:20

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

Harald Waiglein
Director General, AT BMF; Chair EU FSC

Nelius De Groot
Head of Markets International and Markets Chief Operating Officer., BNY

Samuel Riley
Chief Executive Officer, Clearstream

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

Susana de Antonio Horcajo
Head of Primary Markets, BME/SIX

10:20 / Networking break

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Mário Centeno, Economist and former Governor of the Bank of Portugal

Speaker

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PANEL DISCUSSION

11:25 - 12:10

DLT and digital assets

OVERVIEW

- Can an integrated capital market be easier to achieve for digital assets?
- 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?

Moderator

Peter Tomlinson
Managing Director, Equities Trading and Post Trade, AFME

Speakers

Christoph Hock
Head Tokenisation & Digital Assets

Dimitri Pattyn
Deputy Director General, European Central Bank

Mattias Levin
Acting head of unit, European Commission – DG FISMA

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PANEL DISCUSSION

12:10 - 12:55

Digital Innovation and Integration

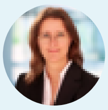
OVERVIEW

- 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



Cornelia Tomczak
Managing Director, Protiviti

Mattias Levin
Acting head of unit, European Commission – DG FISMA

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

LUNCH & LEARN WITH STATE STREET

12:55 - 13:55

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

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A discussion with Rodrigo Buenaventura, Secretary General, IOSCO

Speaker

Rodrigo Buenaventura
Secretary General, IOSCO

PANEL DISCUSSION

14:30 - 15:20

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

OVERVIEW

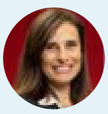
- Integrated supervision of EU security market supervision: how to build it? Opportunities and challenges of supervisory centralisation
- Experience so far in the use of convergence tools.
- Lessons from the SSM experience
- Ensuring an agile rulebook. Reflecting the simplification priorities and competitiveness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

Moderator

Remi Kireche
Director, Advocacy, AFME

Speakers

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



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

Sven Kasper
International Head of Public Policy, State Street

15:20 / Networking break

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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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

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

Marco Buti
Tommaso Padoa Schioppa chair at the Robert Schuman Centre, EUI

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

Speaker

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

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Closing remarks

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17:10 / End of conference and drinks