

CONFERENCE

AFME's European Government Bond Conference 2026

18 November 2026 / Radisson Collection Hotel

08:45 / Welcome registration and refreshments

09:50 - 10:00

Opening remarks

PANEL DISCUSSION

10:00 - 10:30

Issuers at the Forefront: Strategy, Supply and Market Dynamics

OVERVIEW

- / Managing busy primary markets and competing supply windows
- / Funding in a more constrained world – how are higher rates, debt levels and tighter fiscal space reshaping strategies?

Speaker



Siegfried Ruhl
Hors Classe Adviser, Director
General for Budget, European
Commission

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:45 - 11:15

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11:15 / *Networking break*

PANEL DISCUSSION

11:45 - 12:30

Liquidity and Market Structure Under Pressure: Sovereign Markets in a High-Volatility Environment

OVERVIEW

- / What does volatility mean for auctions, market making obligations and algorithmic trading?
- / Can secondary market liquidity, investor confidence and absorption capacity keep pace with the increasing volume of bond issuance?
- / What are the key expectations of buy-side participants from their liquidity providers, both voice and electronic?
- / The rise in demand of low latency requirement in government bonds markets

Speaker



Tim Whipman
Head of Business
Development, TransFICC

PANEL DISCUSSION

12:30 - 13:15

Green Bonds at a Crossroads: Demand, Liquidity and the Path Forward

OVERVIEW

- / State of Play in Sovereign ESG issuance
- / Investor demand and the greenium debate
- / Standards, credibility and usability
- / Outlook and pipeline drivers

Speaker



Myriam Zapata
Managing Director DCM SSA,
BNP Paribas

13:15 / *Networking lunch*

TRACK B LUNCH & LEARN

13:15 - 14:15

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

14:15 - 14:45

Bond Markets 2.0: Embracing Tokenisation

Speaker



Imène Rahmouni-Rousseau
Director General of Market
Operations, European Central
Bank

PANEL DISCUSSION

14:45 - 15:20

From Experimentation to Implementation: DLT and Tokenisation in Bond Markets

OVERVIEW

- / What has changed in the last 12 months?
- / APPIA – what is it, why does it matter?
- / Where do stable coins fit in?
- / Project Pythagor

Speakers



Nicola Danese
Managing Director, Co-Head
of International Developed
Markets, Tradeweb



Ryan Hayward
Head of Digital Assets,
Barclays

15:30 / Networking break

16:00 - 16:30

Fireside discussion

PANEL DISCUSSION

16:30 - 17:05

EGB markets for the next decade: Building Resilience

OVERVIEW

- / What can be done to protect against fiscal divergence across the EU
- / Does mandatory repo clearing have a place in EGB markets?

17:05 - 17:15

Closing remarks

17:15 / Government Bond Closing Party!