

2021: Shaping the Future of Europe

23-25 February 2021

Speaker Bios

Day 1 – Tuesday 23rd February 2021 from 11:00 to 12:30
Opening session - What vision for Europe?

**Wim Mijs, CEO of European Banking Federation; Chair of EPFSF
Administrative Committee**

Wim Mijs (1964) was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the European Banking Federation in 2014.

Between 2007 and 2014 Wim served as CEO of the Dutch banking association NVB. During this tenure he transformed the NVB into a modern industry association, positioning it as the key representative of the banking sector in the wake of the financial crisis.

Wim studied law at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, specialising in European and International law. After his studies he worked at the International Court of Arbitration at the Peace Palace in The Hague. In 1993 he joined ABN AMRO in Amsterdam before moving to Brussels to head up the bank's EU liaison office. Wim moved back to The Hague in 2002 where he became the Head of Government Affairs for ABN AMRO.

Wim is a member of the Advisory Board of the BBVA Center for Financial Education and Capability, the Industry Chair of the European Parliamentary Financial Services Forum and member of the Advisory board of Leiden Law School.

Between 2011 and 2018, Wim held various institutional roles within the international and European financial/banking community: chairman of the International Banking Federation; chairman of the Executive Committee of the EBF; and chairman of the Board of Euribor, now known as the European Money Market Institute.



**Othmar Karas, Vice-President of the European Parliament and
Chair of the EPFSF Steering Committee**

Othmar Karas (born 24 December 1957) is an Austrian politician who has been serving as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since 1999.

He is a member of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP), which in turn affiliates with the European People's Party. Karas sits on the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect. Between

2012 and 2014, he was one of the vice presidents of the European Parliament. Since the 2019 elections, he has been again serving as one of its vice-presidents; in this capacity, he is part of the Parliament's leadership under President David Sassoli.



Mairead McGuinness, Commissioner for Financial Services, Financial Stability and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

Mairead McGuinness is the European Commissioner for financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union.

The Commissioner's vision for the portfolio is focused on ensuring the financial sector's strength and stability, so that it can deliver for people, society and the environment.

Before joining the Commission in October 2020, Ms McGuinness was First Vice-President of the European Parliament from 2017. She served as an MEP from Ireland for 16 years, and was a Vice-President of the Parliament since 2014.

Prior to becoming an MEP, she was an award-winning journalist, broadcaster and commentator.



David Wright, Sub-Chair, High-Level Forum on CMU

After graduating from Worcester College, Oxford in 1974 in politics, economics and philosophy (PPE) David has worked for nearly 34 years in the European Commission from 1977- 2011. He held a variety of posts including at the beginning of his career responsibility for oil and gas data in the Statistical Office, Luxembourg (1977-1981) during the second oil crisis; energy policy coordination and modelling in the Directorate General for Energy, Brussels (1982-1987); and then industrial trade policy negotiations during the Uruguay multilateral trade round (1987-1989).

From 1989-1992 he was a member of President Delors' "Think Tank" called the "Cellule de Perspectives" where he worked on industrial policy and wrote the first Commission document on sustainable development. In this period he co-authored a book with Professor Alexis Jacquemin on the post-1992 EU political and economic agenda called "Shaping factors, shaping actors".

From 1993-1994 he was a member of Sir Leon Brittans' Cabinet and worked on various aspects of trade and industrial policy, including completion of the Uruguay Round in 1994. In 1995 he became an Adviser to President Jacques Santer in his Cabinet – covering competitiveness, industrial and telecom policies, political relations with the UK and Ireland, financial services, risk capital and various other trade and foreign policy briefs.

From March 2000 – October 2010 he was first Director, then Deputy Director-General for securities and financial markets, then for all financial services policy in DG Internal Market and Services. He helped design and drive forward the Financial Services Action Plans to integrate the EU's capital and financial services markets. He was the rapporteur for both the Lamfalussy (2000/1) and De LaRosière Committees (2008/9), chaired the Securities and Banking Committees and represented the Commission in the Financial Services Committee and in various FSB/G20 fora. He also played a leading role in the EU-US financial markets dialogue in this period.

He was the EU Visiting Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford until July 2011 and was a Member of the European Commission's Task force on Greece until the end of January 2012. David Wright's appointment as Secretary General of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) commenced on 15 March 2012.

David Wright left IOSCO in March 2016 and is now the Chairman of EUROFI, Paris and a partner at FLINT-GLOBAL in London



Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Société Générale

Lorenzo Bini Smaghi is currently the Chairman of Société Générale.

He is also a CEPR Distinguished Fellow and a Senior Fellow at LUISS School of European Political Economy in Rome. He is Chairman of the Board of the Pecci Museum of Contemporary Art in Prato. He is the Honorary President of the Italian Alumni of the University of Chicago.

From June 2005 to December 2011 he was a Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank.

Over the last 20 years he held the position of Chairman of the board of Italgas, SNAM and SACE, and was member of the Board of Finmeccanica, MTS, the European Investment Bank, Morgan Stanley International and Tages Holding. He has been Visiting Scholar at Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and was the first Chairman of Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, a cultural institution in Florence. He started his career in 1983 as an Economist in the Research Department of the Banca d'Italia. He moved in 1994 to the European Monetary Institute, to head the Policy Division, preparing for the creation of the ECB. In 1998 he was appointed Director General for International Affairs in the Italian Treasury.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), a Master's degree from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Chicago.

He is author of several articles and books on international and European monetary and financial issues (available in www.lorenzobinismaghi.com), in particular "Austerity: European Democracies against the Wall" (CEPS, July 2013), "33 false verità sull'Europa" (Il Mulino, April 2014) and "La tentazione di andarsene: fuori dall'Europa c'è un futuro per l'Italia?" (Il Mulino, May 2017).



Gian Maria Gros Pietro, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Intesa Sanpaolo

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Intesa Sanpaolo since April 2016 after being Chairman of the Management Board of the Bank from May 2013. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Italian Banking Association (ABI). He chairs the Committee of Market Operators and Investors at Consob and is a member of the Corporate Governance Committee of Borsa Italiana. He was the (non-executive and independent) Chairman of ASTM (2012-February 2020), Lead Independent Director of Edison Spa till April 2019, an Independent Director of Fiat (2005-2014), where he was also Chairman of the Audit Committee, Chairman of Atlantia (2002–2010), Chairman of ENI (1999-2002) and of IRI (1997-1999), Senior Advisor for Italy for Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking (2005-2009), and a member of the European Advisory Board of Rothschild & Cie Banque (2002-2005).

At Luiss University, where he currently sits as a member of the Board of Directors, he served as Founder and Head of the Department of Economics and Business from 2004 to 2011. Previously, he was Full Professor of Business Economics, first at the University of Turin and then at Luiss University. From 1974 to 1995, he was the Director of the Institute for Economic

Research on Firms and Growth, the main body of the CNR (the Italian National Research Council) in the economic field.



Thomas Book, Member of Executive Board, Deutsche Boerse

Thomas Book has been a Member of the Executive Board of Deutsche Börse Group since July 2018. He is responsible for Trading & Clearing, which comprises the Group's cash market, financial derivatives, commodities and FX businesses including clearing, as well as Market Data + Services.

With more than 20 years of industry experience, Book is a pioneer in the field of electronic trading. Having joined Deutsche Börse Group in 1995, he was part of the team that rolled out DTB's remote membership concept across Europe and the US. During this time, he gained deep insights into the trading business and the importance of innovation and technology for an exchange. Book also was part of the project that founded Eurex, the first-of-its-kind cross border exchange merger of DTB and Soffex. In 2001, he complemented his industry knowledge with a PhD thesis on "Electronic exchange trading and global markets".

Book was CEO of Eurex Exchange from 2016 to 2020. Previously, he shaped Deutsche Börse's clearing business. Appointed to the Eurex Board in 2007, he was Head of Clearing until 2014. In 2013, Book assumed the role of CEO of Eurex Clearing AG, which he held until 2016. Book is chairing the Management Boards of Eurex Deutschland and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

**Nils Bolmstrand, CEO, Nordea Asset Management**

Nils Bolmstrand, 44, comes from a position heading Nordea Life & Pensions, and he has previously held managerial positions within Nordea Asset Management and the asset management-division of Skandia and Old Mutual.

Nordea Asset Management is year-to-date number 1 in Europe in attracting new assets and has during the last 4 consecutive years been among top 10 in Europe of best-selling asset managers. Since 2011 60 % of Nordea Asset Management-sales have been to clients outside Nordea. Nordea Asset Management has total Assets under Management at EURO 215 billion end of third quarter 2016.

**Monique Goyens, Director General of BEUC**

As Director General of BEUC, Monique represents 43 independent national consumer associations in 32 European countries, acting as a strong consumer voice in Brussels, ensuring that consumer interests are given weight in the development of policies and raising the visibility and effectiveness of the consumer movement through lobbying EU institutions and media contacts.

As a consumer expert and advocate, and on behalf of BEUC, she is currently member of the EU High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain and a delegate in the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change of the European Economic and Social Committee. She is an effective member of the Euro Retail Payments Board. She has also been appointed to the expert group on "fake news" (2018) and in the expert group on "trade agreements" (2018-2019). She is member of the Advisory Group of Transparency International EU and of the European Advisory Board of the Open Society Foundations.

In her capacity as BEUC Director General, Monique is currently EU co-chair of the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD) a network of EU and US consumer organisations, and she also represents BEUC at Consumers International, the international consumer organisation.



Day 2 – Wednesday 24th February 2021 from 9:30 to 11:00
1st session – For a greener Europe

Tanguy van de Werve, Director General, EFAMA

Tanguy VAN DE WERVE is the Director General of the European Fund and Asset Management

Association (EFAMA), the trade body representing the European investment management industry. In that capacity, he leads in the formulation of industry positions on the main policy developments and engage with relevant EU and international authorities.

Prior to joining EFAMA, he was Head of the Brussels office of AFME (European investment banking industry - 2015-2018), Director General of Leaseurope and Eurofinas (European leasing and consumer credit industries – 2006-2015) and Head of Banking Supervision and Capital Markets at the European Banking Federation (2001-2006). Other relevant roles include positions at Euroclear and Dexia as well as non-Executive Director of Belgium-domiciled UCITS (2006-2018)

He holds a degree in law from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (BE) as well as a diploma in Political Sciences & International Relations and a certificate of specialised studies (DES) in Financial Risks Management.



MEP Stephanie Yon-Courtin, ECON Vice-Chair

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin is a French MEP for the La République En Marche! party, part of the Renew Europe group. She was elected in May 2019 to the European Parliament where she is the vice-chair of the committee on economic and monetary affairs (ECON). Yon-Courtin is also a substitute member in the internal market and consumer protection committee (IMCO) and in the tax matters sub-committee (FISC). In addition, she is the chair of the delegation for relations with Canada and a member of the delegation for relations with the United States. Prior to her election, she served as mayor of Saint-Contest, and vice-president of the urban community Caen la Mer. Before that, Yon-Courtin worked as an advisor on international affairs in the office of Bruno Lasserre, former president of the French Competition Authority. Yon-Courtin holds a master's degree in law from the Universities of Caen and Bristol, and a master's degree in European Business Law from the Institute of European Studies.



MEP Sven Giegold, Coordinator ECON, Greens

Sven Giegold, MEP from North-Rhine-Westphalia / Germany, is spokesperson for the German Greens in the European parliament and coordinator of the Greens / EFA group in the ECON (economy and monetary affairs) committee. As a studied political economist Sven has been active in the environmental movement and altermondialism for more than 20 years. He is a member of the executive committee of the German Evangelical Church Assembly.



Ricardo Laiseca, Head of Global Sustainability Office, BBVA

Ricardo Laiseca is Head of Global Sustainability Office at BBVA. He was Head of Global Finance of BBVA Corporate and Investment Banking from 2015 to 2019. Previously, he was COO of BBVA Corporate and Investment Banking from 2013 to 2015. He was also Head of BBVA Global Markets and Head of BBVA Corporate and Investment Banking Europe from 2006 to 2013. With more than 25 years of experience in banking, he is a founder member of the Association for Financial Markets in Europe, AFME.



Graduated from the University of the Basque Country with a First in Economics and Third National Award, post-graduate studies at the Catholic University of Leuven, Master in Finance from the Center for Monetary and Financial Studies, MBA from IE Business School and PDG from IESE Business School. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Altura Markets (Chairman), Asociacion de Mercados Financieros, Spanish Stock Exchanges and Markets BME, British Hispanic Foundation, Grupo CIMD, Europea de Titulizacion, MEFF, MTS Amsterdam, MTS Spain, Proxima Alfa Investments, SENAF, Spanish Chamber of Commerce in the United Kingdom, and Advisory Board member of EUREX Bonds.

Rami Feghali, Vice-Chair on Sustainable Finance, Accountancy Europe

Rami leads PwC Financial Services Risk and Regulation activities in France and is vice president of the Sustainable Finance group at Accountancy Europe. He has more than 20 years of experience in the Financial Services industry, mainly in banking risk management advisory and auditing.

He currently advises clients on the implementation of the Sustainable Finance Regulation, the development of ESG performance frameworks and methodologies and the assessment of ESG related risks.

Rami is a graduate engineer from Ecole Centrale Paris and holds a diploma from Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris.

**Jean-Jacques Barb  ris, AMUNDI, Executive Committee Member, Head of institutional and corporate clients division and ESG supervisor**

Jean-Jacques Barb  ris is Head of Institutional and Corporate Clients Coverage and an Executive and General Management board member at Amundi.

Before joining Amundi, Jean-Jacques acted as advisor for Economic and Financial affairs in the staff of the French President of the Republic, where he served from 2013-2016. Prior to this, he was a member of staff of Pierre Moscovici, French Minister of Economy and Finance. Between 2009 and 2010, Jean-Jacques chaired the European group of experts on climate finance in the negotiations at UNFCCC. During that time, he also participated in different studies on the economics of climate change, such as Jean Tirole's report published before the Copenhagen UNFCCC conference in 2015.

Jean-Jacques started his career in the French Treasury Directorate General where he served from 2008 to 2012. Jean-Jacques was a lecturer in advanced economics at Sciences-Po Paris from 2009 to 2012. He is also chairman of the French think tank "En Temps R  el", dedicated to European politics.

Jean-Jacques is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum since 2019. He is also a vice-chairman of Finance for Tomorrow, the French financial association devoted to sustainable finance. Jean-Jacques Barb  ris graduated from Ecole Normale Sup  rieure "Lettres et Sciences Humaines", "agr  g  " in History, and alumni at both Sciences Po Paris and Ecole Normale d'Administration.



Prof Dr Stefan Simon, Chief Administrative Officer and member of the Management Board, Deutsche Bank

Stefan Simon was appointed as a member of our Management Board on August 1, 2020. He is Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and is responsible for Government and Regulatory Affairs as well as for Legal and Governance. He joined Deutsche Bank on August 1, 2019.

He was a member of Deutsche Bank's Supervisory Board from August 2016 until July 31, 2019 and was Chairman of its Integrity Committee. He is a lawyer and tax consultant and between 1997 and 2016 worked at law firm Flick Gocke Schaumburg, where he became a partner in 2002. Since 2008 he has also been an Honorary Professor at the University of Cologne.



Slavka Eley, Banking Markets, Innovation and Products, European Banking Authority

Slavka Eley joined the European Banking Authority in 2013 and currently leads the Banking Markets, Innovation and Products Unit, which is responsible for the EBA work on financial innovation, digital finance, capital market union and sustainable finance. As part of her current role, she leads the EBA project team on sustainable finance. She represents the EBA at European and international working groups, including the FSB Financial Innovation Network, the European Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance and Basel Committee's Task Force on Climate Risk.

Over the last several years, she has chaired different working groups at the EBA such as Network on Sustainable Finance, Sub-group on Risk Assessment Systems, mandated to develop the common European supervisory framework, and the Sub-group on Supervisory Effectiveness and Convergence.

Prior to joining the EBA Slavka worked for the National Bank of Slovakia as the Head of Supervisory Division for Banks with Advanced Risk Management Approach responsible for supervision of all large banks in Slovakia.

She holds a MBA in general management from the City University of Seattle and a Master degree in Mathematics and Physics from the Comenius University Bratislava.



Benoît Leguet, Managing Director, i4ce

Benoît is the Managing Director of I4CE – Institute for Climate Economics, the think tank on the economics of the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy initiated by Caisse des Dépôts and Agence Française de Développement.

He is also a member of several expert groups, inter alia: the French Climate Change Committee; the Advisory Board on Economic matters to the French Minister for Environment; the Goodplanet Foundation's Scientific Committee.

Benoît is an engineering graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the ENSTA Paris Tech, and holds a Master's degree in Environmental Economics from Paris-X University.



Day 2 – Wednesday 24th February 2021 from 12:00 to 13:30
2nd session - For a more digital Europe

Wim Mijs, CEO of European Banking Federation; Chair of EPFSF Administrative Committee

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MEP Cristian-Silviu Busoi, Chair ITRE, EPP (tbc)

Cristian-Silviu BUȘOI is a Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee. He is also Member of the Delegation for Southeast Asia, as well as substitute Member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Delegation for the Arab Peninsula. Mr. Busoi graduated Medicine from Carol Davila University in Bucharest, Law from Titu Maiorescu University in Bucharest, and Diplomacy from the Romanian Diplomatic Institute in Bucharest. His political career started in 1996 when, as a student, he became member of the National Liberal Party. Eight years later, he entered the Romanian Parliament and, in 2013, became President of the Romanian National Health Insurance House. Since 2007, he has been elected to the European Parliament for three consecutive terms.



MEP Isabel Benjumea, Vice-Chair REGI, Member of ECON, EPP

Born in Madrid in 1982, Isabel has a degree in Law and International Relations from the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas of Madrid (ICADE).

She spent the first years of her professional career in Washington DC, where she worked at the World Bank, implementing transparency and accountability programmes for local governments in Latin America.

In 2011, after returning to Spain and spending one year in the International Relations Department of the FAES think-tank, she decided to undertake her first



business project in the tourism sector, Greatness, which she ran until 2017. In December 2018, she became Deputy Chief of Staff of the President of the Spanish People's Party (PP) Pablo Casado. She left this position when she was elected as a Member of the European Parliament in May 2019.

In this IX legislature, she is the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Regional Development. She is also a Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, a Member of the SME Intergroup and a Member of the URBAN Intergroup. Furthermore, she is a Member of the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee and of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. She is also a Substitute Member of the Committee on Culture and Education, the Delegation for relations with Japan and the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.

Isabel Benjumea is co-Founder of the Floridablanca Network, a Spanish liberal think-tank to which she has made numerous contributions and has written many articles about for national media. Currently, she teaches Entrepreneurial Thinking as part of the Degree of Entrepreneurship at the Francisco Marroquín University in Madrid.

Scott O'Malia, CEO, ISDA

Scott O'Malia is Chief Executive Officer of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA), a position he has held since August 2014. At ISDA, Scott has led the Association's drive to promote safe and efficient markets, and develop industry standards and legal documentation. This includes a push to develop common standards and processes to support new technologies aimed at improving post-trade efficiency through the adoption of innovative and scalable fintech and regtech solutions.



ISDA is a global derivatives association that represents all derivatives users on key industry issues, including trading, clearing, reporting, margin, capital and legal standards. During Scott's tenure, ISDA has expanded its Board to include broader representation of derivatives users, making it the most diverse in the Association's history. Scott has also brought greater focus on market infrastructure issues – in particular, the cross-border harmonization of global central counterparty regulation, trade execution and data rules.

Prior to joining ISDA, Scott was appointed by President Obama and was confirmed by the US Senate to serve as Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). He served in this position from October 2009 until August 2014. During this time, Scott debated and cast votes on the CFTC rules related to Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act. While at the CFTC, Scott revived the Technology Advisory Committee, and led an active agenda investigating data standardization, highlighting trade execution rules and developing a better understanding of how algorithmic trading operates in regulated markets.

Scott has also had a distinguished career spanning 15 years in the US Senate, including roles as Clerk to the US Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Professional Staff on the US Senate Energy and National Resources Committee under Chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.), and nearly 10 years working for US Senator Mitch McConnell (R.-Ky.), now the Senate Majority Leader. During his career, Scott also helped establish the Washington, DC office of Mirant Corp., where he worked on rules and standards for corporate risk management and energy trading among wholesale power producers.

Massimiliano Alvisini, CEO Western Union

Massimiliano Alvisini is responsible for Western Union's omni-channel (Retail and Digital) business in Europe and CIS, including profit and loss responsibility for the region's 57 countries. Based in London, he manages an agent network of more than 152,000 locations and leads a team of over 400 people.

He serves as the CEO of Western Union Payment Services Ireland Limited (WUPSIL) and is responsible for implementing Board decisions, initiatives and maintaining the efficient and compliant operation of WUPSIL.

Massimiliano joined Western Union in August 2011 as Regional Country Director for UK and Ireland. In July 2012, his portfolio was expanded to include Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. In February 2014, he became Regional Vice President, Northern Europe, and in January 2016, assumed P&L responsibility for Spain, Andorra and Portugal. He was promoted to his current position in March 2017.

Massimiliano comes from a strong financial services background, with 18 years' experience in the field. Prior to joining Western Union, he was a director at Angelo Costa for 11 years. During his time there he held a number of positions including Treasury and Operations Director for the entire Angelo Costa business. He was responsible for the day-to-day running of Angelo Costa's business in the UK, Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as its operations in Ireland. He managed a team of 200 people, and oversaw four offices based in Dublin, Madrid and Ghent. He began his financial services career back in 1996 at Interchange, a leader in the foreign exchange business, where he gained extensive experience in operations, project management and business development. He serves as the CEO of Western Union Payment Services Ireland Limited (WUPSIL).

Massimiliano holds an MBA from University College Dublin in Ireland and a Political Science Degree from La Sapienza University in Rome. He is an Italian citizen, fluent in English, Spanish and Italian.



Ulrik Nødgaard, CEO Finance Denmark

Chief Executive Officer, Finance Denmark, from 2015.

Before that Ulrik was Chief Executive Officer, Danish FSA, from 2009 to 2015 and Finance Director, Danish Ministry of Economics and Business Affairs, from 2005 to 2009.

Furthermore, Ulrik holds a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Aarhus and a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Warwick.



Maria Tsani, Head of Financial Services Public Policy EMEA at Amazon Web Services

Maria joined AWS in 2019, after more than a decade in the banking sector dealing with emerging policy and regulatory requirements. Born in Buenos Aires, she previously worked at the Argentine Ministry of Industry as a political advisor before moving to London to pursue post-graduate research thanks to a UK Government Chevening Scholarship. At AWS, Maria supports Financial Services customers as they leverage the scale, security, and agility of AWS to transform the industry. Maria is a regular speaker at industry events and contributes her expertise to several industry bodies. She holds a Master of Arts in Globalization studies from Warwick University and an MBA from the UCEMA in Buenos Aires. Maria currently lives in Valencia, Spain, with her husband and 4 year old son.



Day 2 – Wednesday 24th February 2021 from 14:30 to 16:00
3rd session – For a more resilient and competitive Europe

Rainer Riess, Director General of FESE

Rainer Riess is Director General of FESE and an Independent Advisor to exchanges and financial services companies with more than 25 years of experience in the global exchange industry. He is a Senior Independent Director in the Supervisory Board of the Moscow Exchange, heading the Strategy as well as the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. He served for many years as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and was responsible for the cash market business of Deutsche Börse AG.



In his tenure at Deutsche Börse he created and managed markets, drove changes in the European corporate governance and accounting practice, financial market regulation and supervision of market player. Major initiatives include running the cash market in a competitive MiFiD environment and financial market crises, the creation of DTB Deutsche Terminbörse / Eurex, developing European primary markets (Neuer Markt, indices, corporate governance and regulation), launch of the Xetra electronic trading system and the CCP as well as the creation of the European ETF and structured products markets. He is a Member of the Board of Trustees of several academic and charitable organisations. He holds a Master in Economics from Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University in Frankfurt and received an MBA from the University of Miami as a Fulbright Scholar.

MEP Irene Tinagli, Chair ECON, S&D

Irene Tinagli is an Italian MEP for the Partito Democratico, part of the group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats. Tinagli was elected to the European Parliament in May 2019. She became chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee when fellow Democratic Party member Roberto Gualtieri, who had been elected to the role, headed back to Italy as finance minister last November. Prior to that, she was elected to the Italian Parliament, serving a five-year mandate dealing mostly with issues concerning economic and labor policies from 2013 to 2019. Tinagli was a professor at Carlos III University in Madrid where she taught management and organizational design from 2009 till 2013. Prior to her political engagement, she had worked as a consultant for the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the European Commission and several regional and national European governments on the topics of innovation and economic development. Tinagli holds a bachelor's degree in Management from Bocconi University, a Master of Science and a PhD in Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh (PA).



MEP Lidia Pereira, Coordinator FISC, PPE (tbc)

Born in 1991 and raised in Coimbra. Lídia Pereira graduated in Economics at the University of Coimbra and holds a Master's degree in European Economic Studies from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium). She worked as a consultant in the financial sector. Since 2018, she serves as President of the Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP). She was elected as a Member of the European Parliament in 2019. She is a Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and a Substitute Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. She is a Member of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China and the Delegation for relations with the United States.



MEP since 2019.

Sylvain Broyer, Chief Economist, S&P Global

Sylvain joined S&P Global Ratings in September 2018 as Chief EMEA Economist. Before that, Sylvain worked for the French investment bank Natixis as head of Economics and Member of the General management of its German Branch. Sylvain is member of the “ECB shadow Council”, the Handelsblatt’s panel of leading European economists, since November 2012 and a member of the Economic Advisory Group of the European Investment Bank since November 2016. Sylvain holds doctorate degrees in economics from the Universities of Frankfurt and Lyon as well as a certification by the International Securities Market Association (ISMA). He teaches at the Paris Dauphine University for the Master in banking & Finance.



Michael Cole Fontayn, Chairman, AFME

Michael previously spent 35 years with BNY Mellon, the last seven as Chairman, Europe, Middle East & Africa. In addition to his role at AFME, Michael is currently Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI), a member and co-chair of the Wholesale Banking Group of the European Financial Services Chairman’s Advisory Council, a member of the Advisory Council and the Financial Services Skills Taskforce of TheCityUK, and member of FICC Markets Standards Board Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum Advisory Board and a Board and Executive Committee Member of the Global Financial Markets Association. Michael is Trustee of the mental health charity, the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust and of education charity, Engage with China Ltd. He was recently awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) from Cass Business School.



Christian Hyldahl, Co-Head of Continental Europe, BlackRock
(to be updated)



Bjørn Sibbern, President, Nasdaq

Bjørn Sibbern is President, European Market Services. In this role, he works closely across all of Nasdaq's European Markets teams to deepen the relationships between Nasdaq and institutional and main street investors, broker dealers and regulators in the region.

With over a decade of experience at Nasdaq, Bjørn has emerged as an influential leader within Nasdaq and the broader industry. Prior to his current role as President, European Market Services, he was Executive Vice President for Global Information Services (GIS), based in New York City. He has also previously led Nasdaq's Global Commodities business, while also serving as President of the Nasdaq Copenhagen Exchange.

In an earlier role, Bjørn managed the company's Nordic Cash Equities and Derivatives Markets.

Bjørn's proven track record in business-building and his ability to foster and grow valuable client relationships positions Nasdaq to further evolve its European business through best-in-class industry partnership and collaboration, product development, and geographic expansion to deliver greater value for all clients.

Sibbern brings experience from both sides of the transaction business as he has held leading positions at Nordic broker firms and covered diverse leading positions at the Nordic exchanges.

Before joining the company, Sibbern was Head of Trading at Stocknet Norway and CEO at E*TRADE Bank Denmark. While President of the Nasdaq Copenhagen exchange, Sibbern also served on the board of the Committee for Corporate Governance under the Danish Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs.

Sibbern holds an Executive MBA, a Diploma in Business Administration and an MSc in Economics & Business Administration and Law from Copenhagen Business School.

**Guillaume Prache, Managing Director, Better Finance**

Guillaume Prache is the Managing Director of BETTER FINANCE, the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users. He is also one of the experts representing financial services users at the European Commission (lately as member of the High Level Forum on the CMU), at ESMA (Securities & Markets Stakeholder Group), at EIOPA (Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group), and at the French financial regulator AMF. He has been the first chair of the ESMA Stakeholder Group, and former vice chair of the European Commission's FSUG (Financial Services User Group) and member of the EIOPA Pensions and EBA Banking Stakeholder Groups.

He started as a magistrate at the French Court of Auditors, and has an extended and international experience in financial matters, most recently as Chief Financial Officer of Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, Inc., a "Fortune 500" publicly-listed pharmaceutical company (today Sanofi) from 1997 to 2000, and then as Managing Director of the European affiliate of the Vanguard Group, Inc., a global leader in asset management, from 2000 to 2006.

He has taught asset management for the CIWM (Certified International Wealth Manager) program and wrote two books (*Politique économique contemporaine* in 1989, *Les Scandales de l'épargne retraite* in 2008) and various articles on economics and finance.



Day 3 – Thursday 25th February 2021 from 10:00 to 11:30
For a strong and global Europe

Wim Mijs, CEO of European Banking Federation; Chair of EPFSF Administrative Committee

Wim Mijs (1964) was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the European Banking Federation in 2014.

Between 2007 and 2014 Wim served as CEO of the Dutch banking association NVB. During this tenure he transformed the NVB into a modern industry association, positioning it as the key representative of the banking sector in the wake of the financial crisis.

Wim studied law at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, specialising in European and International law. After his studies he worked at the International Court of Arbitration at the Peace Palace in The Hague. In 1993 he joined ABN AMRO in Amsterdam before moving to Brussels to head up the bank's EU liaison office. Wim moved back to The Hague in 2002 where he became the Head of Government Affairs for ABN AMRO.

Wim is a member of the Advisory Board of the BBVA Center for Financial Education and Capability, the Industry Chair of the European Parliamentary Financial Services Forum and member of the Advisory board of Leiden Law School.

Between 2011 and 2018, Wim held various institutional roles within the international and European financial/banking community: chairman of the International Banking Federation; chairman of the Executive Committee of the EBF; and chairman of the Board of Euribor, now known as the European Money Market Institute.



Mr. João Nuno Mendes, Secretary of State of Finance, Portuguese Presidency

João Nuno Mendes is graduated in Management from Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão (ISEG) where he worked as a Teaching Assistant.

João Nuno Mendes began his career in auditing at Arthur Andersen (1994 – 1996) and served as Economic Advisor in the Office of the Prime Minister from 1996 to 1999.

From 1999 to 2002, João Nuno Mendes served as Secretary of State for Planning, in charge of the implementation of the Community Support Framework in Portugal.

João Nuno Mendes also held a number of positions in the private sector, as CFO of business units of the Grupo Amorim (2002-2007) and as Director of development and international activities in Galp Energia (2007-2016). More recently, he was the CEO of Grupo Águas de Portugal (2016-2019).

In 2020, João Nuno Mendes led the negotiations of the State aid to the TAP Group.



David Schwimmer, CEO, London Stock Exchange Group

David is CEO of London Stock Exchange Group and a member of the Board of LSEG plc. He joined the Group in August 2018, having spent 20 years at Goldman Sachs in a number of senior roles, most recently as Global Head of Market Structure and Global Head of Metals & Mining.



He also served as Chief of Staff to Lloyd Blankfein – then President and COO of Goldman Sachs – and spent three years in Russia as Co-Head of Russia/CIS. Before joining Goldman Sachs, he practiced law at Davis Polk & Wardwell. David holds a B.A. from Yale University, and postgraduate degrees in law (JD) and international affairs (MALD) from Harvard University and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, respectively.

Sylvie Goulard, Deputy Governor, Banque de France

Sylvie Goulard was appointed second deputy governor of the Banque de France by the Council of Ministers on 17 January 2018. She takes over from Anne le Lorier. She carried out most of her career in European institutions.

Born in 1964, Sylvie Goulard holds a law degree from the University of Aix-en-Provence (1984). She then graduated from the Institut d'études politiques in Paris (1986) and the Ecole nationale d'administration (1989). Upon leaving the ENA, she worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Legal Affairs Directorate, then the Centre for Analysis and Forecasting) and at the Conseil d'Etat. She has been an associate researcher at Sciences Po's Centre de recherches internationales (CERI). Between 2001 and 2004 she was political adviser to the President of the European Commission, Romano Prodi. From 2004 to 2006, she taught at Sciences Po Paris, in the framework of the joint degree course with the London School of Economics and the College of Europe in Bruges.

From 2009, she devoted herself to her mandate as MEP. As a member of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) group, she sat on the Parliamentary Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) where she served as coordinator/spokesperson for the ALDE group.

She was also rapporteur for two own-initiative non-legislative reports on eurobonds and the role of the EU in global finance, and a member of temporary commissions on the financial crisis and tax matters (following LuxLeaks and the Panama Papers). From 2010 to 2017, she chaired the European Parliament Intergroup against Extreme Poverty. She served as Minister of the Armed Forces (May-June 2017) in the first government of Édouard Philippe.



Klaus Günter Deutsch, Chair of the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee, BusinessEurope

Dr. Deutsch, head of department Research, Industrial and Economic Policy at the Federation of German Industries, chairs the Economic and Financial Committee of BusinessEurope and the Economic Policy Committee at Business at OECD (BIAC). At BDI, he is in charge of macroeconomics, industrial and economic policy and financial policy issues. Dr. Deutsch joined BDI in 2014.

Previously, he spent 18 years at Deutsche Bank Research after graduating in economics and political science from the Free University of Berlin.



Jörg Kukies, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany

Jörg Kukies is the state secretary for financial market policy and European policy at the Federal Ministry of Finance since April 2018. Before that he was co-chief executive officer of Goldman Sachs AG and managing director of the Frankfurt branch of Goldman Sachs International from 2014 to 2018. He has previously held positions in the product development team of Goldman Sachs International in London, in the equities division for Germany and Austria in Frankfurt, and as head of equity derivatives for Europe, the Middle East and Africa at Goldman Sachs International from 2011 to 2014. Dr Kukies studied economic sciences at Pantheon-Sorbonne University in Paris. He has a master in public administration from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a PhD in finance from the University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business.



Othmar Karas, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Chair of the EPFSF Steering Committee

Othmar Karas (born 24 December 1957) is an Austrian politician who has been serving as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since 1999. He is a member of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP), which in turn affiliates with the European People's Party. Karas sits on the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect. Between 2012 and 2014, he was one of the vice presidents of the European Parliament. Since the 2019 elections, he has been again serving as one of its vice-presidents; in this capacity, he is part of the Parliament's leadership under President David Sassoli.

