

Sunday 26 May

18:00 onwards: Cocktails, followed by Speakers' and partners' dinner: roof terrace at Restaurant Coda (in case of bad weather, downstairs restaurant with piano music)

Alternative venue if the attendance numbers are too high (Four Seasons – Vltava room)

ONLY paying partners and speakers to attend, or by special invitation by the organisers

Welcome remarks: VP Kyriacos Kakouris, EIB (confirmed)

SPEAKERS

Monday 27 May

SUSTAINABILITY IN FINANCE

09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome remarks with an intro video

Linda Zeilina & Julian Toth, International Sustainable Finance Centre (ISFC) + main partner representative

Keynote speeches

09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome remarks

Linda Zeilina and Julian Toth

09:10 – 09:20 | Opening keynote

Kyriacos Kakouris, VP at EIB (confirmed)

09:20 – 09:30 | Second keynote

Munir Nanji | Central Europe and Ireland Sub-Cluster and Banking

Head, Country Officer and Banking Head for the Czech Republic, Citi Bank (confirmed)

09:30 – 10:20 | Conversation with the audience

Sustainable finance in Europe: European disclosure regime and the EU Green Deal – are we all set for an effective transition?

A discussion about the future use of disclosures in business, finance, and public funding. Exploration of key implementation and interpretation challenges, and how to overcome them, plus a conversation about whether the non-financial disclosures will redirect capital flows- or how to achieve this in practice.

Chair of the session: Linda Zeilina, CEO, ISFC & EU Sustainable Finance Platform member

Speakers:

Martin Spolc, DG FISMA (confirmed)

Ota Melcher – Acting Director, Transformation of the Czech Economy Unit, Ministry of Finance (confirmed, but might be moved to a different part)

Andreas Rajchl, Head of Department for Green Finance and Sustainable Economy at Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action & Environment

Eila Kreivi, Member, Board of Directors, Finnerva & former Chief Sustainable Finance Advisor, EIB (confirmed)

Petr Polach, Head of Corporate Finance, Raiffeisen Bank International AG (confirmed)

Tomasz Niewola, Head of Structured Finance, mBank (confirmed)

10:20 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:20 | Keynote remarks or a short presentation

Radek Lastovička, Senior Manager, Financial Services Credit Risk Management and ESG, EY

11:20 – 11:20 | TED-style talk

Petr Fiala, Head of Trade Finance & Factoring and ESG, Raiffeisen (confirmed)

11:40 – 12:30 | Conversation with the audience

EU Green Deal and the European economy: the EU taxonomy – early market practices and insights from the use of the EU Taxonomy

Chair of the session: Julian Toth, COO, ISFC & Director, CzechSIF (confirmed)

Speakers:

Theodor Cojoianu - University of Edinburgh & EU Platform on Sustainable Finance Member (confirmed)

Elodie Feller, Global Policy Lead, UNEP FI (confirmed)

Alice Machova, Partner, EY (confirmed)

Martin Račan, CEZ Group expert for taxonomy, CEZ Group (confirmed)

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch break

ROUNDTABLES

13:30 – 15:00 | Practitioner & expert roundtable (Dominican Room)

High Level policy dialogue – strategy and technical implementation: government action for expanding and supporting sustainable finance – mechanisms for market development and the role of government and policy.

Short description about + guiding questions to follow start of May (plus participant list for confirmed attendees)

15:30 – 17:00 | Roundtable

The macroeconomic outlook for Europe – a closed door roundtable with Chief Economists

A deep dive into the macro-outlook for the region and for Europe, run by ISFC in partnership with Citi Bank

13:30 – 13:50 | Presentation: Inevitable Policy Response & decarbonisation pathways

Jakob Thomä, CEO, Theia Finance Labs (confirmed)

13:50 – 14:10 | TED-style talk: What on Earth is Degrowth? And why do we need it?

Alexandra Köves, Associate professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest (confirmed)

14:10 – 15:00 | Discussion

The future of investing: ESG in practice and the landscape of investing in Europe and the CEE region

Chair of the session: Simon Mundy, Moral Money editor, The Financial Times (confirmed)

Speakers:

Sergio Henrique Collaço de Carvalho, Partner, PlanetFirst Partners (confirmed)

Lucia Cerchlan, Co-Founder, LUMUS Investment Collective (confirmed)

Michal Košina, Senior Mandate Manager, EIF (confirmed)

Paula Singliarova, Co-founder & Director, Slovak Sustainable Investment Forum (confirmed)

15:00– 15:40 Coffee break

15:40 – 16:00 | TED-style talk

The green bond and sustainability-linked bond handbook – insights from the case studies & fixed income space

Ulf Erlandsson, CEO, AFII (confirmed)

16:00 – 16:30 | Issue in focus: The energy transition we need, want or can have – busting the renewable energy myths. How and why should we finance more renewable energy

Walburga Hemetsberger (CEO, Solar Europe - confirmed) in conversation with Jan Krcmar, Director, Czech Solar Association (confirmed)

16:30 - 17:30 | 20-year anniversary of EU membership: convergence or a slow divergence?

A closing panel discussion about the CEE countries' 20-year membership of the EU: the success stories, the challenges, and the disappointments. The session will explore whether CEE countries have become equal EU member states, and what to expect from the upcoming EU elections and the new European Commission. What should the CEE countries focus on in the next 5-10 years? What risks exist and need addressing?

Moderator: [Martin Ehl, Editor, HN \(invited\)](#)

Speakers:

[Beata Jaczewska, Director of Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs \(confirmed\)](#)

[Helena Horská, Chief Economist, Raiffeisen Czechia \(confirmed\)](#)

[Pavλίna Žáková, Deputy Minister, European Affairs Czechia \(confirmed\)](#)

[Łukasz Dziekoński, Partner, Montis Capital \(confirmed\)](#)

17:30 – 18:30 | Move to evening venue

Doors open at 18:30

18:30 | Arrivals & registration at the evening venue – The Residence of the Mayor of Prague (confirmed)

19:00 – 19:20 | Words of welcome

[Mr & Linda Zeilina](#)

19:20 – 19:45 Award presentations

Dinner and networking drinks + announcements of the Award winners

Tuesday 28 May**SUSTAINABILITY IN BANKING**

09:00 – 09:30 | Opening keynotes

09:00-09:10 | Welcome remarks

09:10 – 09:30 | First opening keynote speech – [Rashmi Ghai, Global Head of Citi Commercial Bank Sustainability & ESG, Citi bank \(confirmed\)](#)

09:25 – 09:45 | Keynote presentation: MBH and its Green Transition Path

[Gyorgy Szege, Head of ESG, MBH \(confirmed\)](#)

09:45 – 10:40 | Conversation with the audience

The road to net zero – fixing the data issues and rethinking banking in CEE

Chair of the session: [Gergő Wieder, KPMG \(confirmed\)](#)

[András Molnár, Chief Sustainable Finance Advisor, OTP Group \(confirmed\)](#)

[Jason Channell, Managing Director - Head of Sustainable Finance, Citi Bank Global Insights \(confirmed\)](#)

[Ulrike Gehmacher, Head of Group ESG, Erste Group \(confirmed\)](#)

10:40 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20– 11:40 | Keynote presentation from the ECB

[Irene Heemsker, Head of the Climate Change Centre, ECB \(confirmed\)](#)

11:40 – 12:30|Conversation with the audience

Panel discussion: green debt instruments – solution to financing challenges or an expensive distraction?

Moderator: Nadia Humphreys - Head of Sustainable Finance Data Solutions, Bloomberg (confirmed)

Sean Kidney - CEO at Climate Bonds Initiative (confirmed)

Luca Bertalot - Secretary General of the EMF-ECBC (confirmed)

András Bebes, Head of Strategy, Research and Sustainable Finance Department at the Hungarian Government Debt Management Agency Pte. Ltd. (confirmed)

Robert Spruijt, Head Sustainable Finance EMEA (Europe, Middle East& Africa), ING Bank (confirmed)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 | Presentation by EBA about the main focus areas: what to expect going forward with Q&A

Ali Erbilgiç, Senior Expert & EU Platform on Sustainable Finance member, EBA

ROUNDTABLES

08:30 – 09:30 | Breakfast roundtable: Supervision and climate risk with Irene Heemskerk (TBC)

14:00 – 15:00 | Czech and Slovak SIF session with EIF

14:30 – 16:00 | Green bond financing for major infrastructure programmes & projects

14:00– 14:30 | Conversation with the audience: GAR and its usefulness

Chair of the session: Julian Toth, Director at Czech SIF (confirmed)

Gabor Gyura, UNEP FI & Former head of Sustainable Finance, MNB (confirmed)

Matej Michlik, Senior Manager at Financial Services Consulting, EY (confirmed)

Eila Kreivi, Former Sustainable Finance Advisor, EIB (confirmed)

14:30 – 15:00 | Discussion

Practical experiences from CSRD Double Materiality Assessment: what do you need to be aware of"?

- Session focused on CSRD reporting in practice for the banking sector & for business – what and how is changing, and how it will affect businesses.
- What one needs to know and not miss when carrying out a double materiality assessment.

Chair of the session: Nadia Humphreys, Bloomberg

Petra Ondrušová, CSO, Ceska Sporitelna (confirmed)

Radek Lastovicka, Partner, EY (confirmed)

15:00 – 15:40 | Coffee break

15:40 – 16:00 | TED-Style presentation – Paul Hiebert, Head, Systemic Risk & Financial Institutions Division, ECB (confirmed)

16:00 – 16:15 | Eva Neudertová, ESG expert, Commercial Real Estate at Ceska Sporitelna (confirmed)

16:15 – 17:00 | Panel discussion

Supervision in flux? GAR, climate stress testing, supervision of climate risk – and the future of supervisory activities

Questions related to capacity, translating the needs into questions to the banks, SREP, low credit levels – how to use prudential supervision to facilitate more lending.

Chair of the session: Linda Zeilina, CEO, ISFC (confirmed)

Speakers:

Reiner Martin, Executive Director, NBS (confirmed)

Adam Banai, MNB (confirmed)

Martin Krivanek, Partner, KPMG (confirmed)

Agnieszka Smolenska (confirmed)

Deputy governor(s) – Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Czechia (all women - invited)

Pierre Monnin, Senior Fellow at the Council on Economic Policies (CEP), Visiting Professor in Practice at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE (confirmed)

17:00 – 17:40 | Will net zero commitments lead to the decarbonisation of CEE economies?

Moderator: Raphael Minder, Central Europe Correspondent, The Financial Times (confirmed)

Eva Bucova, Head of Corporate Sector Coverage & Chair Sustainability Committee, ING Bank (confirmed)

Norbert Kurilla, Green Transition Advisor to the President at the Office of the President of the Slovak Republic & Vice-President, UNEA-6 (confirmed)

Roland Hofman, Co-Founder & CEO, URBANITY (confirmed)

17:50 – 18:30 Transfer to the evening venue | Doors open at 18:30 | Arrivals and transfer to the evening venue - Lobkowitz Palace

18:30 – 19:00 | Welcome drinks

19:00 – 19:20 | Opening / welcome speech

19:20 – 21:30 | 3 course gala dinner

Wednesday 29 May

SUSTAINABILITY IN BUSINESS

09:00 – 09:10 | Opening remarks

09:10 – 09:25 | First keynote speech

Nathan Fabian, Chief Strategy Officer, UN PRI (confirmed)

09:25 – 09:40 | Second keynote speech

Maxfield Weiss, Executive Director, CDP Europe (confirmed)

09:40 – 10:20 | CSRD and ESRS – lessons from implementation and early practices for improving business competitiveness - the use of sustainability performance and data disclosures.

Moderator: Nadia Humphreys, Global head of Corporate ESG data, Bloomberg (confirmed)

Nathan Fabian, Chief Strategy Officer, UN PRI (confirmed)

Ms Jenny Schuster-Bofinger, Board member ISSB (confirmed)

Gary Mazzotti, CEO EP Infrastructure (confirmed)

Jessica Bingham, Regional Lead Policy & Insights for EEMA & UK, ACCA (confirmed)

10:20 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:20 | TED-style talk – Value chain approach to tackling upstream Scope 3 emissions (WBCSD Presentation of PACT)

Nicolas Duvoisin, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) (confirmed)

11:20 - 11:35 | On-stage live interview with WBCSD representative and SAP

Petr Dovolil, WBCSD (confirmed) & Nicolas Duvoisin, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

11:35– 11:55 | Presentation: Integration of no-financial information into financial reporting
Stephan Müller, Global Solution Owner for Finance and Risk, SAP (confirmed)

11:55 – 12:40 | Conversation with the audience – interactive panel discussion with the audience: Transition planning and implementation – how to create a successful transition.

- How to use disclosures for transition planning?

Chair of the session: Simon Mundy, Financial Times

Ivan Jakúbek, Chief Strategy Officer, Eurowag (confirmed)

Justyna Wysocka-Golec, Associate Partner, Consulting, ESG, Decarbonization and Biodiversity Team Leader, KPMG Poland (confirmed)

Christine Würfel, Head of Group ESG & Sustainability Management, Raiffeisen International Group (confirmed)

Jana Ružická, Sustainability Director at Mazars Slovakia (confirmed)

Marcus Pugh-Smith – Client Portfolio Manager, Goldman Sachs Asset Management Fundamental Equity (confirmed)

12:40 – 13:30 | Lunch

ALL AFTERNOON – REAL ESTATE in FOCUS

ROUNDTABLES

11:00 – 12:30 | Practitioner and expert roundtable (banking sector and real estate companies) - financing of the built environment in the CEE region (a session aimed at solutions for renovations and decarbonisation on RE, with a set of recommendations to be created that can feed into the mandate of the next European Commission and the local governments)

13:30 – 13:50 | Keynote speech: Ms Jenny Bofinger-Schuster, Board Member, ISSB (confirmed)

13:50 – 14:40 | Discussion with the audience: Real Estate – from the idea of sustainability to execution

Chair of the session: Raúl Garcia Rodriguez, Partner, EY (confirmed)

Speakers:

Peter Sweatman, CEO Climate & Partners (confirmed)

Stefan de Goeij MRICS, Partner, Head of Sustainability & ESG, CEE, at Cushman & Wakefield (confirmed)

Anna Duchnowska, Managing Director, Invesco Real Estate (confirmed)

Petra Hajna, Group Sustainability Officer, CPI (confirmed)

14:40 – 15:00 | Special presentation: Interpretation of EU taxonomy technical screening criteria

Petr Vogel, Partner & Specialist consultant, EkoWATT (confirmed)

15:00 – 15:40 Coffee break

15:40– 16:00 | TED-Style presentation: CRREM and best practices for real estate assets

Hunter Kuhlwein, Project Lead, CRREM - Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor (confirmed)

16:00 – 17:00 | Panel discussion: Real Estate value drivers and the changes in financing real estate for net zero

Chair of the session: Raúl Garcia Rodriguez, Partner, EY (confirmed)

Speakers:

Ms. Paloma Taltavull de La Paz, Chair, Real Estate Market (REM) Advisory Group, UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management & Professor, Departamento de Análisis Económico Aplicado, Universidad de Alicante, Spain (confirmed)

Adam Targowski, Group Head of ESG, CTP (confirmed)

Andrzej Gutowski, ESG Chief Officer, Central and Eastern Europe, Colliers (confirmed)

17:00 – 17:20 | Closing keynote

Sony Kapoor, CEO, Nordic Institute for Finance, Technology & Sustainability, Professor of Climate, Geoeconomics & Finance, EUI (confirmed)

17:20 – 17:30 | Final closing remarks and an announcement about 2025

17:30– 20:00 | Dinner and drinks reception at the Mandarin Oriental