

Economics Conference 2013



Investment and Investment Finance: Putting Europe on a sustainable growth path

Luxembourg, 13-14 November 2013

Wednesday 13 November - Restaurant Cercle Munster, 5-7, rue Munster, L-2160 Luxembourg

19:30 – 22:00 **Gala Dinner hosted by Werner Hoyer** (President, European Investment Bank)

Keynote Address

• **Yves Mersch** (Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank)

Thursday 14 November - European Investment Bank, 100 boulevard Konrad Adenauer

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Welcome (West Building)

9:00 – 9:15 Opening remarks

• **Werner Hoyer** (President, European Investment Bank)

9:15 – 10:45 Chair

• **Debora Revoltella** (Director of the Economics Department, European Investment Bank)

Panel I: The evolution and composition of investment in Europe, the impact of the financial crisis and implications for macro-economic policies

• **Rien Wagenvoort** (European Investment Bank)
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• **Kenneth Kang** (Mission Chief for Italy and Netherlands of the European Department, International Monetary Fund)
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• **Thomas Mayer** (Senior Advisor to Deutsche Bank and Senior Fellow, Center for Financial Studies at Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
What macro-economic policies are needed to support investment?

• **Pier Carlo Padoan** (Chief Economist and Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)
What policies are needed to support investment finance?

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

This session will examine the (long-term) evolution and composition of investment and its finance sources, discuss the main drivers of this evolution and consider macro-economic policy responses. What has been the impact of the financial crisis on investment in Europe? What has been the role of finance, in particular foreign capital flows? Can investment pull Europe out of the crisis? What types of investment are needed and where? What are the implications for macro-economic policies?

11:15 – 12:45

Chair

- **Marc Uzan** (Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee)

Panel II: Implications of deleveraging, financial market (dis)integration and new regulations for the supply of investment finance

- **Adam Farkas** (Executive Director, European Banking Authority)
The impact of structural changes in the banking sector on the supply of investment finance
- **Elena Carletti** (Professor of Finance, Bocconi University)
The impact of regulatory reforms in financial markets on the supply of investment finance
- **Boris Vujčić** (Governor, National Bank of Croatia)
What financial sector policies are needed to support investment finance?
- **Juan Rodríguez Inciarte** (Executive Director, Banco Santander)
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This session will discuss structural changes in European financial systems that may affect the supply of investment finance, including deleveraging of the banking sector, fragmentation of markets and new regulations. What are the effects of banking sector deleveraging? Can other players such as long-term institutional investors and instruments (such as bonds, private equity, etc.) play a greater role? What is the impact of financial market integration and fragmentation? What financial policies and regulations (including macro prudential frameworks) are needed to secure the supply of sustainable investment finance?

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch break

13:45 – 15:15

Chair

- **Edmond Alphandéry** (Chairman, Euro50 Group)

Panel III: The outlook for infrastructure investment

- **Georg Inderst** (Chief Executive Officer, Inderst Advisory)
The structure and regulation of private infrastructure finance
- **Ashley Blows** (Head of Infrastructure, Natixis)
Can private finance make up for less public financing of infrastructure?
- **Isabel Castelo Branco** (Secretary of State, Portugal)
What policies are needed to support the financing of infrastructure in Europe?
- **John Moran** (Secretary-General, Department of Finance, Ireland)
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This session will examine the potential for infrastructure investment and discuss possible bottlenecks in infrastructure finance. It will review the evolution, structure and regulation of private infrastructure finance and make an educated guess of market gaps. How much infrastructure investments are needed for new transport and communication systems to combat climate change, meet energy demands, etc.? How much scope is there for new policies, such as the recent project bond initiative, to stimulate private infrastructure finance?

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 17:15

Chair

- **Richard Pelly** (Chief Executive Officer, European Investment Fund)

Panel IV: Financing innovation and SMEs

- **José Fernando Figueiredo** (President, European Association of Mutual Guarantee Societies)
Market gaps in financing innovation and SMEs
- **Dörte Höppner** (Secretary-General, European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association)
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- **Reinhilde Veugelers** (University of Leuven)
What policies are needed to support the financing of innovation and SMEs in Europe today?
- **Urbain Vandeurzen** (President, Flemish Employers' Federation and GIMV)
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This session will examine possible bottlenecks in the financing of R&D expenditures and SME investments. Do SMEs in Europe suffer from a structural financing problem that hinders their growth? Are SMEs more affected than large firms by the financial crisis? What finance is needed for young innovative companies? What has been the evolution of private equity financing? What policies are needed to support the financing of innovation and SMEs?

17:15

Closing remarks

- **Mihai Tanasescu** (Vice-President, European Investment Bank)