

**Date:** 29 September 2020  
**Venue:** De Warande



9<sup>th</sup> Annual EU  
**Financial Regulation  
Conference**



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14.00 – 17.45, *Registration and welcome coffee from 13.30*

## Programme

- 13.30 – 14.00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 14.00 – 14.10 Opening remarks by Moderator
- 14.10 – 14.25 Keynote speech by **John Berrigan** Director General, DG FISMA, European Commission

## Session 1 | The future of European Financial Markets *(from 14.25 to 15.55)*

- 14.25 – 14.35 Keynote speech by policy maker
- 14.35 – 14.45 Introductory remarks by industry representative
- 14.45 – 15.55 Panel discussion

## Discussion points

- *How can we improve the access for SMEs to market based finance?*
- *What role can Europe's capital markets play in achieving sustainable finance and the EU's climate goals?*
- *How does having London, Europe's largest financial center, outside the EU affect the CMU project?*
- *How can the global competitiveness of Europe's capital markets be strengthened?*
- *How can structural and legal barriers to cross border capital flows be removed?*
- *How can we create incentive and remove obstacles for well-informed retail savers to invest?*
- *How can we move from strong support for CMU in principle to support also in the technical details?*
- *To what extent has MiFIDII/MiFIR reached its objectives, i.e. fair, transparent, efficient and integrated markets? What improvements could be made?*
- *Has MiFIDII/MiFIR created a level playing field between execution venues? Are there any changes to be made?*
- *Has MiFIDII/MiFIR increased pre- and post-trade transparency? What improvements could be made in this regard?*

## Panelists

Member of the European Parliament  
European Commission high-level representative  
Industry representative  
User-side representative  
Academic

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15.55 – 16.15 Refreshment & networking

## Session 2 | Digital transformation of EU's financial services *(from 16.15 to 17.45)*

16.15 – 16.25 Introductory remarks by Dr Stephan Berger Member of the European Parliament

16.25 – 16.35 Introductory remarks by industry representative

16.35 – 17.45 Panel discussion

### Discussion points

- *How can we ensure that the EU financial services regulatory framework is technology-neutral and innovation friendly?*
- *How can we reap the opportunities offered by the EU-wide Single Market for digital financial services both for the industry and for consumers?*
- *What are the main obstacles to fully reap the opportunities of innovative technologies in the European financial sector?*
- *How could we the use of digital financial identities throughout the EU be facilitated?*
- *Should EU passporting rights to be extended to more areas than today?*
- *What would be the main benefits and risks of implementing an open finance policy in the EU?*
- *How can the operational resilience of the financial sector be enhanced?*
- *How can we promote a well-regulated data-driven financial sector that benefits both EU consumers and firms?*

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Dr Stephan Berger Member of the European Parliament

Peter Kerstens Advisor for Financial Sector Digitalisation and Cybersecurity, European Commission

Industry representative

User-side representative

Academic



*"We believe that through discussion and debate we can create better understanding and in the end better policy making."*

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