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Speakers Profiles



Gabriela Figueiredo Dias, Chair, Portuguese Securities Market Commission

Gabriela Figueiredo Dias is the Chair of the CMVM Management Board since July 2016. She holds a Masters in Law from the University of Coimbra, where she also teaches. In 2007, she joined the CMVM, advising on international affairs and regulatory policy. Gabriela later became Director of the Department of Markets, Issuers and Information and in 2015, she took office as Vice-Chair of the CMVM. In that capacity, she is a member of the National Council of Financial Regulators.

In January 2019 she was appointed Chair of the ESMA Investment Management Standing Committee. Gabriela is also an IOSCO Board Member. The CMVM is also a long-standing and active member of the OECD Corporate Governance Committee and of its Bureau (Executive Committee), for which vice-chairmanship Gabriela was elected on 17 November 2016. She has been also serving as Co-Chair of the MENA/OECD Working Group on Corporate Governance.



Sven Gentner, Head of Unit for asset management, DG FISMA, European Commission

Sven Gentner is Head of Unit for asset management in the European Commission's Directorate-General for financial stability, financial services, and capital markets union.

He started his professional career in the private sector before joining the European Commission in 2004 where he has served in various positions at its Brussels headquarters. From 2004 to 2006, he was responsible for the coordination of the EU-US Financial Markets Regulatory Dialogue and in the latter period, he served as a member of the private office of Commissioner

Charlie McCreevy. From 2007 to 2011, he was Executive Assistant to the Director General of Directorate-General Internal Market and Services with a responsibility toward financial services. From there he was seconded to the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa to advise on building an African internal market. Before spending the next year as head of unit for human resources and planning in DG Internal Market and Services. From 2013 to 2015, Sven was a counsellor in the Economic and Financial Affairs Section of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States. He dealt with EU-US regulatory issues and TTIP negotiations in financial services.

Sven holds Master's degrees in economics from Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, and the University of York, UK.



Mairead McGuinness, Commissioner for financial stability and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

Mairead McGuinness is the Commissioner for financial stability and Capital Markets Union at the European Commission since October 2020.

She used to be an agricultural economist and award-winning journalist working in Ireland. She has been an agriculture editor of Irish Independent and is the author of European Parliament Report on the CAP and Global Food Security.

She was first elected in 2004 as Member of the European Parliament as part of the European's People Party Group (EPP). From 2004 until 2020, she sat at many committees in the European Parliament, she was a member of

Committee on Budgets (2004-2009), member of Committee on Petitions (2004-2011), member of Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (2004-2020), member of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (2009-2020).

Meanwhile, in 2013 she was appointed as Vice-Chair for the EPP group at the European Parliament and served until 2014. From 2014 until 2017, she has been serving as Vice-President of the European Parliament, then she was appointed as first Vice-President of the European Parliament until her nomination as Commissioner for financial stability and Capital Markets Union in October 2020.

She is graduated in Agricultural Economics from the University College Dublin.



Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vice-Chair, Economic & Monetary Affairs Committee, European Parliament

Since entering the European Parliament in 2019, Yon-Courtin has been serving as vice-chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON). In this capacity, she has been the author of the parliamentary report on competition law. In addition to her committee assignments, Yon-Courtin is chair of the Parliament's delegation for relations with Canada and the European Parliament Intergroup on Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas.

She used to work as a legal advisor for D&S Media GmbH, a consultancy firm in Brussels, working closely with the European Commission until 2001. She worked as a lawyer in Paris at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, then Allen & Overy LLP at the competition department. From 2007 until 2011 Stéphanie Yon-Courtin served as an advisor for international affairs at the French competition authority (Autorité de la concurrence française). From March 2011 to February 2012, she was responsible for a mission for Basse-Normandie in Caen to work on the European regional politic, meanwhile, from 2011 to 2019, she also worked as a consultant in international law and competition policy named by International organisation (EU, UN).

Stéphanie Yon-Courtin holds a master's degree in European law affairs from the University of Brussels, and a master's degree specialized in European and English law from the University of Bristol.



Mirela Agache Durand, Vice-Chair, AFG

Mirela Agache-Durand is AFG Vice-Chair since September 2020. Mirela Agache Durand, holder of a CFA and a PhD in plasma physics, began her career in the financial sector in 1998 with the Oddo & Cie group. In 2014, she joined La Banque Postale Asset Management as Deputy Director of Management. Since 2017, she was Managing Director of Tocqueville Finance, a position she also combined with her responsibilities as Managing Director of LBPAM. Since 2020, she has been Chief Executive Officer of Groupama Asset Management.



Eric Pinon, Chair, AFG

Chairman of the French Asset Management Association (Association Française de la Gestion financière - AFG) since May 2017, he is also Senior Advisor of the Financière de l'Echiquier.

He began his career in 1978 with the stockbroker Michel Puget. He remained a senior executive at the firm until its merger with the Barclays group in late 1989. In 1989, he founded "Europe Egide Finance", heading that company until its sale to KBL France (Krediet Bank group) in 2003, whose he had served as managing director until 2006. From 2006 to 2017, he has been managing partner of Acer Finance.

He served as Vice-Chairman of the AFG from 1997 to 2003 and from 2015 to 2017.

He graduated with a Master's Degree in financial management from Sorbonne - Paris I.



Olivia Vayssette, Chair, European and International Regulation Committee, AFG

Olivia Vayssette is chair of the European and International regulation committee at the French Asset Management Association (Association Française de la Gestion financière - AFG). She is also financial lawyer at Carmignac Gestion since 2012.

She began her career in 2004 in different French law firms (Lefèvre, Pelletier et Associés & Caisse Centrale de Réescompte). Afterwards she joined the Société Générale as a financial lawyer in 2005, she continued her career at the same position but at BNP Paribas Asset Management, from 2006 until 2012. After she left BNP Paribas in 2012, she was appointed as financial lawyer at Carmignac Gestion where she still practices now.