

Brexit and European Financial Markets
Policy Developments and Business Prospects

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The European financial sector is in a state of flux. The United Kingdom (UK) has voted to leave the European Union (EU), creating uncertainty about market access, the evolution of EU financial regulation and possible policy fragmentation. The prospects of businesses across Europe will be affected by the forthcoming negotiations between the EU and the UK. London, one of the leading international centres for banking, sovereign bond issuance, derivatives, currency exchange and expert financial services, may lose its special position in Europe, as financial institutions and operations move to other EU Member States.

In addition, the economy of the Eurozone is still languishing. The contraction of government spending and the apparent ineffectiveness of monetary policy have certainly not helped economic recovery. Growth is flat and unemployment too high.

Europe needs more investment to stimulate innovation and ultimately growth. Novel public measures have sought to incentivise private participation in large infrastructure projects backed by public guarantees. The recently established but as yet incomplete banking union is closely followed by the nascent capital markets union.

These developments move in opposite directions. Deeper financial integration between some countries is buffeted by the prospect of disintegration and disengagement of financial institutions between other countries.

EU and national policy makers, investors, financial institutions and businesses in general are pondering the likely impact of these developments and considering their next steps. It is, therefore, appropriate to take stock of recent changes in policy and corporate strategies in the European financial sector, and identify possible outcomes.

The College of Europe (Bruges) and Deloitte will organise a one-day conference on 25 April 2017, bringing together high-level policy makers, businesses leaders and eminent academics, to discuss developments in the European financial sector following the decision of the UK to withdraw from the EU.

Practical information:

Registration and coffee breaks will take place in the foyer of the Dijver campus of the College of Europe.

Conference sessions will take place in rooms E and D in the Dijver campus of the College of Europe.

The buffet lunch will take place in room A+B in the Dijver campus of the College of Europe.

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FINAL PROGRAMME:

8.45: Registration

9.15-9.35: **Welcome address**

Prof. Dr. Dr. Jörg Monar Rector
College of Europe

9.35-10.45: **Keynote speech: Brexit and the financial sector**

Chair: Prof. Phedon Nicolaidis Jan Tinbergen Chair for European Economics
College of Europe

Keynote Speaker: **Valdis Dombrovskis** **Vice-President for the Euro, Social Dialogue, Financial
Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union**
European Commission

The evolving financial services landscape in post-Brexit Europe: How financial institutions are adjusting and what it means for policy makers.

10.45-12.15: Financial markets operate on a global scale and move across geographies in line with market conditions. However, cross-border integration of financial services has not fully recovered from the financial crisis. Is Brexit, along with increasing protectionist rhetoric in the USA, and rising tensions in Basel, a portent of increasing decentralisation in financial services?

Chair: Prof. Christian de Boissieu Professor of economics and banking
College of Europe

Discussants: Jean-Paul Servais President
Autorité des Services et Marchés Financiers (FSMA)

Linette Field Dpt. Director General, *Micro-Prudential Supervision III*
European Central Bank (ECB)

Aerdt Houben Director, Financial Markets Division
De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB)

Karel Lannoo Chief Executive Officer
Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

12:20-13:00 **Keynote speech: Brexit – the Bank of England Perspective**

Keynote Speaker: **Sir Jon Cunliffe** **Deputy Governor, Financial Stability**
Bank of England

13.00-14.00: Lunch

14.15-16.00: Navigating the key Brexit costs & risks - Parallel workshops with regulators, private sector representatives and experts

14.15-16.00: Workshop I: Challenges for global banking and capital markets

Chair: Vishal Vedi Partner
Deloitte

Discussants: Slavka Eley Head of unit: Supervisory Convergence
European Banking Authority (EBA)

Alan Houmann Managing Director, Head of EMEA Government Affairs
Citi

Jean-Pierre Casey Head of investment; Professor
Edmond de Rothschild (Europe); College of Europe

Prof. Barbara Casu Director
Cass Business School Centre for Banking Research

14.15-16.00: Workshop II: How to maintain a global insurance sector in the face of Brexit

Chair: Jonathan Burdett Partner
Deloitte

Discussants: Anna Maria D'Hulster Secretary General and Managing Director
The Geneva Association

Hugh Savill Director of Regulation
Association of British Insurers

Chris Newby General Counsel
AIG EMEA

Guy Soussan Partner
Steptoe & Johnson LLP

16.00-16.15: Break

16.15-17.30: Plenary session: Reporting by chairs and conclusions.

17.30-18.30: Reception