FINANCIAL STABILITY CONFERENCE
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FINANCIAL STABILITY CONFERENCE IS AN ANNUAL PUBLIC EVENT TAKING PLACE EVERY FALL IN BERLIN, 2018 IN ITS SIXTH EDITION
PRESENTATION OF SELECTED FEEDBACK IN THE LAST THREE YEARS
In the last years more than 200 guests and speakers participated at each conference.

Every year the line-up consisted of 24 to 28 international high-level speakers, discussants and moderators from policy, regulatory and supervisory authorities, scientific institutions, industry as well as international institutions, central banks and civil organisations.
Speakers and Discussants 2013 to 2017 (alphabetic)

Prof. Kern Alexander, University of Zurich; Dr. Ignazio Angeloni, European Central Bank; Denis Beau, Bank of France; Dr. Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, Société Générale; Prof. Arnoud Boot, University of Amsterdam; Günter Borgel, Federal Agency for Financial Market Stabilisation; Ralph Brinkhaus, Member Deutscher Bundestag, CDU; Prof. Claudia Buch, Deutsche Bundesbank; Costanza Bufalini, Unicredit; Prof. Elena Carletti, Bocconi University; Prof. Stijn Claessens, Bank for International Settlements; Dr. Vitor Constâncio, European Central Bank; Prof. Jean-Pierre Danthine, Paris School of Economics; Dr. Maria Demertzis, Bruegel; Prof. Mathias Dewatripont, National Bank of Belgium; Dr. Thomas Dohrn, Federal Ministry of Finance; Dietrich Domanski, Bank for International Settlements; Dr. Klaus Duellmann, European Central Bank; Colin Ellis, Moodys; Prof. Henrik Enderlein, Hertie School of Governance;

Andrea Enria, European Banking Authority; Markus Ferber, European Parliament, EVP; Ramon Fernandez, French Ministry for the Economy, Finance and Industry; Santiago Fernández de Lis, BBVA; Elisa Ferreira, Member of the European Parliament; Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, DIW Berlin; Prof. Clemens Fuest, Ifo Institute; Sven Giegold, European Parliament, The Greens; Prof. José Manuel González-Páramo, BBVA; Prof. Charles Goodhart, London School of Economics; Rebekah Goshorn Jurata, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Sylvie Goulard, European Parliament, ALDE; Andrew Gracie, Bank of England; Prof. ReintGropp, Halle Institute for Economic Research; Dr. Roberto Guaitieri, European Parliament, S&D; Piers Haben, European Banking Authority; Dr. Dierk Hirschel, United Services Union Verdi; Dr. Beverly Hirtle, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Thomas Hoenig, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Leo Hoffmann-Axthelm, Transparency International EU; Dr. Levin Holle, German Federal Ministry of Finance; Aerdt Houben, Dutch Central Bank; Dr. Korbinian Ibel, European Central Bank; Olivier Jaudoin, French Prudential Supervisory and Resolution Authority; Robert Jenkins, London Business School; Dr. Andy Jobst, World Bank; Prof. Christian Kirchner, Humboldt-University Berlin; Dr. Elke König, Single Resolution Board; Dr. Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen, Senate for Finance Berlin; Dominique Laboureix, Single Resolution Board; Philippe Lamberts, European Parliament; Erkki Liikanen, Bank of Finland; Prof. Catherine Mann, OECD; Monica Marcucci, Bank of Italy; Sylvie Matherat, Deutsche Bank; Francesco Mazzaferro, European Systemic Risk Board; Marco Mazzucchelli, Bank Julius Baer; Liz Meneghello, HM Treasury; Martin Merlin, European Commission; Christophe Nijdam, Finance Watch; Prof. Alessio Pacces, Erasmus University Rotterdam; Dr. Wilfried Paus, Deutsche Bank; Fatima Pires, European Central Bank; Dr. Mario Nava, European Commission; Dr. Maria Nieto, Bank of Spain; Prof. Alessandro Penati, Quaestio Capital Management; Klaus Regling, European Stability Mechanism; Odile Renaud-Basso, French Ministry for the Economy and Finance; Prof. Jörg Rocholl, ESMT Berlin; Dr. Sven Schelo, Linklaters; Dr. Gerhard Schick, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen; Prof. Isabel Schnabel, University of Bonn; Carsten Schneider, SPD; Prof. Dirk Schoenmaker, Bruegel; Dr. Ludger Schuknecht, German Federal Ministry of Finance; Prof. Helmut Siekmann, Goethe-University Frankfurt; Luigi Federico Signorini, Bank of Italy; Dr. Thomas Steffen, Federal Ministry of Finance; Christian Stiefmüller, Finance Watch; Dr. Rolf Strauch, European Stability Mechanism; Dr. Christian Thimmann, Axa; Emiliano Tornese, European Commission; Dominik Treeck, Oliver Wyman; Dr. Nacha Valla, European Investment Bank; David Vegara, European Stability Mechanism; Mark Venus, BNP Paribas; Nicolas Véron, Bruegel; Dr. Jukka Vesala, European Central Bank; Dr. José Vinals, International Monetary Fund; Prof. Xavier Vives, IESE Business School; Thomas von Lüpke, Federal Agency for Financial Market Stabilisation; David Walker, International Association of Deposit Insurers; Matthias Wagers, Erste Abwicklungsanstalt; Thomas Wieser, Euro Working Group; Dr. Guntram Wolff, Bruegel; Dr. Pierre Wunsch, National Bank of Belgium; Dr. Jeromin Zettelmeyer, Peterson Institute for International Economics
“The FRSN’s Financial Stability Conference has become a fixture in the political and academic calendars across Europe – and rightly so. It provides a unique forum for an informed dialogue between policy-makers, regulators, representatives of the financial sector, academics and the public about financial stability, supervision and regulation. The high-cadre list of speakers at the FSC ensures that discussions are relevant and informed.”

Dr. Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen, Senator for Finance, Berlin

“The Financial Stability Conference is a unique opportunity to meet politicians, regulators, practitioners and academics in a truly international environment to discuss the future of regulation and financial stability. It was my second year attending and I’m still very much impressed by the various and deep insights offered into different ways of thinking about financial stability and by the forward-looking and constructive debates that focus on shaping the future financial system. The Financial Stability Conference is a much needed platform for top international experts to share, discuss and develop valuable ideas and concepts.”

Prof. Stefan Janßen, Professor for Corporate Finance and Banking, Jade University of Applied Science

“Thank you for the very stimulating conference, and being such a wonderful host. As always you brought together an impressive line-up of key financial policy makers, and it was nice to connect to the latest debate at EU and international level. If I could make one comment, it would be that the keynote speeches last year, were more stimulating, perhaps even provocative.”

Dr. Alex Lehmann, Visiting Fellow, Bruegel

“It has been a pleasure to meet you at the Financial Stability Conference. Thank you for organising the conference and for being such a gracious host. I very much enjoyed attending the conference, which provided a great opportunity to both hear the official statements from top policymakers in finance, and engage in more in-depth conversation on the sidelines of the event. I flew to Berlin just for the conference, and it was worth it.”

Dr. Peter Knaack, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

“The conference was excellent with up to date treatments of relevant issues in the current policy debate by participants coming from different backgrounds such as academia, industry and regulation.”

Prof. Xavier Vives, Professor of Economics and Finance, IESE Business School
“The conference has been an optimal venue for discussing the most significant and pressing financial stability concerns. Not only was the meeting an enriching experience in terms of the debate that was generated, but also in relation to the different voices and stakeholders involved. And by this, I am not just referring to panelists or moderators. In fact, the diversity of the audience and the openness regarding the possibility to be part of the event itself reveals the inclusive and transparent approach of the network and is a proof of its commitment towards fostering policy dialogue. On a different note, another aspect that has distinguished the Financial Stability Conference from other events was its dynamism and the fact that it touched upon key topics not just from a theoretical perspective, but from a practical and policy-oriented too. Indeed, the event was a perfect chance to bridge academic and policymaking expertise, two crucial aspects that, unfortunately, are not usually taken into consideration in a comprehensive manner.”

María Cecilia del Barrio Arleo, PhD Candidate, School of International Studies, University of Trento

“Let me thank you for putting together and executing a very impressive event. I found the conference very focused, involved all the relevant and interesting people and provided a very good sense of where we stand at this moment.”

Dr. Maria Demertzis, Deputy Director, Bruegel

“Thank you for inviting me to the conference. I enjoyed the conference because it gave me the opportunity to listen and interact with many interesting people in one place in one day. I really hope to have a chance to meet you another time. I do not have any specific suggestions. Perhaps a format which is effective is to ask one person to draft and present an executive brief summarising the different views on a specific issue and taking a stance.”

Prof. Alessandro Penati, President, Quaestio Capital Management

“The financial stability conference stands out with its balanced panels composed of experts from different stakeholder groups. It brought valuable insights into regulatory lessons learnt, latest regulatory reforms and ongoing challenges to deal with the trade-off between financial stability and efficiency. The event will certainly spill over into the research community. I recommend it to all researchers who would like to come down from the ivory tower and join forces with politics, industry and NGOs to contribute to a more stable and sustainable financial system. I am looking forward to next year’s conference.”

Prof. Doris Neuberger, Chair of Money and Credit, University of Rostock

“The Financial Stability Network’s Annual Conference, now in its fifth year, is a unique event. It brings together senior policymakers, practitioners, academics and civil society representatives for in-depth public discussions on a range of highly topical subjects, eschewing the usual focus on media coverage and industry sponsorship in favour of high-quality discourse and an unusual degree of freedom from political and industry bias.”

Christian Stiefmüller, Senior Policy Adviser, Finance Watch
“It was our pleasure to host the fourth Financial Stability Conference at ESMT Berlin this year. I would like to extend our appreciation to Martin Aehling and the other scientific co-organisers, Bruegel, DI W Berlin, and Jacques Delors Institut, for the ongoing cooperation. As in the past, the conference brought together a wide array of top national and international expert speakers from politics, policymaking, academia, and industry. The speakers and participants shared a diverse variety of insights, and the ongoing discussions were high in quality and forward-looking, making this conference a valued platform for the important debate of regulatory issues in the financial system. As this yearly conference becomes a trademark event, ESMT Berlin looks forward to partnering as a scientific co-organiser and host.”

Prof. Jörg Rocholl, President, ESMT Berlin

“I greatly enjoyed my panel, but maybe more importantly, I thought the entire day provided an outstanding opportunity to hear - and discuss - the most important issues around financial stability with a big group of the key people involved in the topic. Combined with the flawless organisation, it was one of the best conferences I have participated in for a long time.”

Erik Nielsen, Group Chief Economist, Global Head of CIB Research, UniCredit

“The 2016 Financial Stability Conference has been an outstanding opportunity to get deep and valuable insights from regulators, practitioners, politicians and scholars and to foster intriguing new perspectives. Excellent keynote speakers inspired the debate and high-level participants of carefully composed panels lead to open, controversial and thus invaluable discussions. I am very much looking forward to next year’s conference.”

Prof. Stefan Janßen, Professor for Corporate Finance and Banking, Jade University of Applied Science

“Let me send you an email to thank you for the well-organised conference in Berlin. I have received very positive feedback. The conference has really become a great flagship event.”

Dr. Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel

“Firstly, I wanted to write to say many thanks for your organisation of yet another excellent conference. It was my second year attending and I was again impressed at the quality of the speeches and discussions, which mark the conference as a must attend.”

Eoin Dorgan, Principal Officer, Department of Finance, Government of Ireland

“Thank you for all the efforts in organising this event. It has been a very stimulating and informative conference: Excellent keynote speeches, toplevel panels with a very good mix of participants, courage to dissent and the orientation on topics which will become most relevant in the future.”

Dr. Constantin Sobiella, Partner, d-fine
“The Financial Stability Conference was perfectly organised in every detail. Even more importantly, the competence of the speakers along with the convivial approach drove the discussion towards the murkier and more debated issues in the European legal framework, giving the audience important insights. The different views currently expressed by scholars and experts appeared perfectly reflected in the panels’ composition.”

Prof. Lorenzo Stanghellini, University of Florence

“First, the conference was remarkably organised with high-level speakers and audience. Second, the topics were optimally chosen, giving room to global approaches to the contemplated issues as well as to practical considerations about the implementation of the latest reforms. Last, it was the occasion to meet a lot of interesting people and to discuss bilaterally on specific issues.”

Olivier Jaudoin, Director Resolution, French Prudential Supervisory and Resolution Authority

“This was a very interesting conference, fed by high-level speakers with outspoken and strong views. A useful opportunity to update knowledge on resolution framework, tools and bail-in, and realize the challenges when establishing credible and feasible resolution regimes. The session on macroprudential policy and tools provided interesting views on the strategic priorities in operationalising the new macroprudential policy.”

Rudi Bonte, Senior Advisor, Deloitte

“Thank you very much for organising such a wonderful conference. I really enjoyed my time at the conference. I was very impressed by the high quality of the keynote speakers and participants of the different panel discussions. I had great discussions with representatives from authorities, industries and academics. I am looking forward to next year’s conference.”

Dr. Benedikt Sedlak, Regulatory and Corporate Affairs, BNP Paribas

“Thanks so much for the extremely well-organised and interesting Financial Stability Conference 2015. For me as somebody who has just recently begun to dig into the matter it was a fantastic starting point to learn about the most important topics, players and people involved. I am looking forward to hearing and seeing more of your network in general and of your conference in particular.”

Dr. Sebastian Wanke, Economist, KfW Bankengruppe

“The 2015 Financial Stability Conference was definitely worthwhile attending. Top-class speakers and panelists from policy making bodies, European supervisors, financial players as well as academia and press gave valuable insights. Together with a broad range of attendees, this event enabled developing new perspectives on the matter and approaching the challenges of the European financial market better.”

Stephan Lutz, Partner, PwC
Financial Risk and Stability Network is an independent non-profit organisation focusing on regulation, financial stability and financial sector reforms in the EU. The mission is to offer a frame for open discussion and views exchange, to inspire research, to stimulate debates and to contribute to information on these issues from a public interest perspective. One main activity is the Financial Stability Conference in Berlin, 2018 in its 6th edition.

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