

PRESS RELEASE

European Banking Summit opens door to Positive Future

- **Randall Quarles, Elke König and José Manuel Campa confirmed speakers**
- **Sustainable profitability and innovation in focus 2-3 October in Brussels**
- **Programme: www.europeanbankingsummit.com**

BRUSSELS, 17 September 2019 – Under the title 'BUILDING A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR EUROPE', the European Banking Federation will host its 2019 European Banking Summit on 2 and 3 October in Brussels. The summit is the EBF's flagship annual high-level conference.

This year, the approximately 300 delegates that are due to attend will hear a range of views on all key aspects facing the banking sector, including the low levels of profitability, the fight against money-laundering, sustainable finance, innovation in payments and financial services, and upcoming changes in EU financial regulation.

In addition to EBF President and Unicredit CEO **Jean Pierre Mustier**, the list of confirmed speakers includes **Dr Elke König**, Chair of the Single Resolution Board; **Randall Quarles**, Chair of the Financial Stability Board and Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve; **Frank Elderson**, Executive Director of the Dutch central bank and Chair of the Network for Greening the Financial System; **José Manuel Campa**, Chair of the European Banking Authority; as well as DG FISMA directors **Mario Nava** and **Martin Merlin** of the European Commission.

The two-day summit programme includes discussions and expert panels on the use of technology to fight financial crime, on open data in financial services, on innovation for responsible banking, and will conclude with a high-level panel looking ahead to the next five years in European banking.

Delegates and attendees are invited to delve deeper into specific aspects of banking during parallel sessions in the morning of 3 October. This programme includes sessions on the use of 'RegTech' in data reporting; on financing the circular economy; on fintech in sustainable finance; on cloud banking; and technology in retail banking.

This year's summit will hear voices of a wide range of stakeholders in financial services. Speakers representing financial watchdogs, transparency groups and consumer advocates have been invited for a public dialogue with leading bankers on the role of banks in society.

Says Wim Mijs, Chief Executive Officer of the EBF:

"Banks are all about serving society with sound and stable financing for households and businesses. To properly run their own business, banks need to be profitable and sustainable. In a bank-financed economy like Europe this is important to understand. Dialogue - especially with those who have a different perspective - can foster that understanding. I much look forward to this discussion."

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"The people in our industry in Europe are all keen to build a positive future. That's why we – as EBF - work closely with EU regulators, legislators and other stakeholders every day again. This year's European Banking Summit brings this all together."

During the morning of Wednesday 2 October, the venue of the summit will be used for the launch conference of **Markets4Europe**, a European-wide private-public sector campaign aiming at proposing game-changing solutions to develop and integrate capital markets in Europe as part of the 2019-2024 EU legislative agenda. More information about this campaign is available via www.markets4europe.eu.

The annual **EBF Cybersecurity Conference** takes place on Tuesday 1 October, one day before the European Banking Summit. This event is the leading annual event in Brussels on cybersecurity in the financial sector. Field experts from banks, policymakers, supervisors and the ICT security industry come together to discuss the rapidly evolving cyber trends and challenges with a specific focus on banking. Special features this year include a deep dive on cyber resilience in the banking sector by leading international and European experts, and the digital priorities of the new European Commission. More information: <https://www.ebf.eu/events/cybersecurityconference2019/>

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