



Empowering a Competitive Union: from InvestEU to the European Competitiveness Fund

**12 May 2025, Brussels
Charlemagne Building, room Alcide de Gasperi**

Final programme

12:00 – 13:00 Welcome coffee / light lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Opening session: *Investment agenda for a Competitive Union*

Short welcome and introduction by Florence Ranson, Master of Ceremony

Opening speech (15')

- **Stéphane Séjourné**, Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy, European Commission

High-level statements (45')

- **Pawel Karbownik**, Deputy Minister of Finance, Poland
- **Nadia Calviño**, President, European Investment Bank

Followed by exchange of views moderated by **Kerstin Jorna**, Director-General, DG GROW, European Commission

14:00 – 15:00 Panel 1: *Financing the Clean Industrial Deal*

Moderator: **Maive Rute**, Deputy Director-General, DG GROW, European Commission

- **Elina Roine**, Deputy Director General of the Operations Directorate, European Investment Bank
- **Gianpiero Nacci**, Managing Director for Climate Strategy and Delivery, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- **Nils Aldag**, CEO & Founder, Sunfire
- **Ton Vries**, Co-founder and CEO, BioBTX
- **Teele Niidas**, Chief Operating Officer, UP Catalyst

15:00 – 16:00 Panel 2: *Investing in technologies of tomorrow*

Moderator: **Andras Inotai**, Principal Adviser, Taskforce on Start-ups and Scale-ups, DG RTD, European Commission

- **Francesco Mele**, Chief Executive Officer, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti Equity
- **Paul François Fournier**, Executive Director for Innovation, Bpifrance
- **Lise Rechsteiner**, General Partner, VSquared Ventures
- **Alexander Ribbink**, General Partner, Keen Venture Partners
- **Judit Giró Benet**, Co-Founder and CEO, Blue Box Biomedical Solutions

16:00 – 16:30 Networking Break

16:30 – 17:15 Panel 3: *Financing social investments and skills*

Moderator: **Ruth Paserman**, Director, DG EMPL, European Commission

- **Carlo Monticelli**, Governor Council of Europe Development Bank
- **Laurence Mehaignerie**, Co-founder, Citizen Capital
- **Francesco Mandruzzato**, Commercial Director, Lendlease
- **Yesil Rusconi**, Head of International Relations, France Active

17:15 – 18:00 Concluding session: *Mobilising EU based private capital*

Moderator: **Alexandra Jour-Schroeder**, Deputy Director-General, DG FISMA, European Commission

- **Merete Clausen**, Deputy CEO, European Investment Fund
- **Pontus Bergekrans**, Group Chief Investment Officer, SEB Life & Pension
- **Fabio Pammolli**, Chair, InvestEU Investment Committee
- **Helmut von Glasenapp**, Secretary General, European Long-Term Investors Association

18:00 – 18:15 Closing remarks by **Maive Rute, Deputy Director-General, DG GROW, European Commission**

Closing of the event by Florence Ranson, Master of Ceremony

18:15 – 19:30 Networking cocktail