

# Financing sustainable growth in the EU - The next steps for the competitiveness and industrial decarbonisation agenda



## Event Programme

12:00

Arrival of in-person participants  
& light lunch

12:30

Introductory remarks  
**Nathalie Dogniez**  
Chair of Eurosif

12:35

Keynote intro speech  
**Radan Kanev**  
MEP (BG, EPP)

12:45

Panel Discussion

Taking stock of the EU sustainable finance framework for industrial competitiveness and decarbonisation - what should the next phase be?

- Moderator  
**Aleksandra Palinska**  
Executive Director of Eurosif
- **Martin Merlin**  
Director - Financial Markets, DG FISMA, European Commission
- **Lara Wolters**  
MEP (NL, S&D)
- **Helena Viñes Fiestas**  
Chair of the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance
- **Matt Christensen**  
Global Head of Sustainable and Impact Investing at Allianz Global Investors
- **Elise Cachin**  
Head of Tech Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Nokia

13:40

Q&A with the audience

End

Concluding words by **Nathalie Dogniez**



# Speaker Biographies



## Radan Kanev

**Member of the European Parliament (BG, EPP)**

MEP since 2019, and sitting in the European People's Party (EPP) group, Radan Kanev is a member of the ENVI and ITRE Committees, focusing on green transition and industrial transformation. He was the EP rapporteur on the Industrial Emissions Directive and currently works on improving EU funding rules to support a competitive European industry.



## Helena Viñes Fiestas

**Commissioner at CNMV & Chair of EU Platform on Sustainable Finance**

Helena Viñes Fiestas is Commissioner at the Spanish Financial Markets Authority (CNMV) and chairs the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance. Prior to this, she was Global Head of Stewardship and Policy at BNP Paribas Asset Management. From 2020 to 2022, Helena acted as the rapporteur for the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance and was previously part of the Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance.



## Martin Merlin

**Director of Financial Markets, European Commission (DG FISMA)**

Martin Merlin is Director for financial markets at the European Commission. He has worked consistently across the various domains of Financial Services including positions in the Commissioner's Cabinet, as Head of Unit coordinating Financial Services Policy and as Director Banking, Insurance and Financial Crime. He represents the Commission on the Board of Supervisors and the Management Board of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).



## Nathalie Dogniez

**Eurosif Chair & Independent Director**

Nathalie Dogniez is Chair of Eurosif and an independent director sitting on the boards of funds, fund managers, AIFM and non-profit organisations. Nathalie, previously a partner at KPMG and PwC Luxembourg, has more than 30 years' experience within the financial sector and has spent more than 20 years focusing on ESG and sustainable finance.



## Lara Wolters

**Member of the European Parliament (NL, S&D)**

Lara Wolters is an MEP since 2019, sitting in the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) group. She is a member of the JURI and ECON Committees, focusing on corporate accountability and sustainability, and was the EP rapporteur on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD).



## Matt Christensen

**Global Head of Sustainable and Impact Investing, AllianzGI**

Matt Christensen leads sustainable and impact investing at Allianz Global Investors across public and private markets. Previously Global Head of Impact & Responsible Investment at AXA IM and founding Executive Director of Eurosif, he also held board positions with various impact funds. He is currently a Board member of Eurosif.



## Elise Cachin

**Head of Tech Policy and Regulatory Affairs at Nokia**

With over a decade of experience in Brussels and Paris, Elise Cachin leads Nokia's engagement with EU policymakers on sustainability and digital initiatives. She also chairs the Responsible Business Conduct Working Group at DIGITALEUROPE. Previously, she was Public Affairs Leader at IKEA, Vice-Chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee at EuroCommerce, and a consultant at Lighthouse Europe.