

DIGITAL FINANCE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



“Digital Romania – Building Trust, Innovation and Competitiveness for the Future of Finance”

DATE	12 November 2026
VENUE	The Throne Hall – The National Museum of Art of Romania
ORGANISERS	The Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority (ASF), in partnership with the Institute of Financial Studies (ISF)

MODERATOR

Anca Orheian, Journalist

AGENDA

09:30

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10:00

Registration & Welcome Coffee

10:00

11:00

OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

Opening of the forum

SPEAKERS

- Alexandru Petrescu, President, Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority
- Victor Negrescu, Vice-President, European Parliament (video message)
- Leonardo Badea, First Deputy Governor, National Bank of Romania
- Anca Dragu, Governor, National Bank of Moldova
- Radu Hanga, President, Bucharest Stock Exchange
- Andrew Lebkuether, Economic Counselor, Head of Economic Section, Embassy of the United States of America in Romania
- Antonio Gomes, Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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PANEL I

Capital Markets in the Era of Digital Finance

Financing, Investment and Competitiveness in Central and Eastern Europe

MODERATOR: Horia Gustă,

President of the Association of Investment Fund Managers in Romania

KEY TOPICS

- The Savings and Investments Union and the development of European capital markets
- The digital transformation of capital markets and its impact on access to finance
- Access to capital market financing for companies and SMEs
- New digital models for capital mobilisation and attracting new categories of investors
- The competitiveness and attractiveness of capital markets in Central and Eastern Europe

SPEAKERS

- Anamarija Staničić, Deputy President of the Board, Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency
- Dariusz Adamski, Deputy Chair of the Board, Polish Financial Supervision Authority (KNF)
- Dumitru Budianschi, Chairman, National Commission for Financial Markets of the Republic of Moldova
- Peter Tkáč, Director, Capital Market Supervision Department, National Bank of Slovakia
- Remus Vulpesu, General Director of the Bucharest Stock Exchange

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PANEL II**Artificial Intelligence and Capital Markets**

Innovation, Adoption and Regulation in the New European Financial Ecosystem

MODERATOR: Cătălin Câmpeanu**Secretary General, Institute of Financial Studies (ISF)****KEY TOPICS**

- Artificial intelligence and the transformation of capital markets
- The use of artificial intelligence in investment, trading and portfolio management
- The use of artificial intelligence in market supervision
- The AI Act – the European framework for the responsible development and use of artificial intelligence in the financial sector
- Governance, transparency, accountability and risk management associated with the use of artificial intelligence

SPEAKERS

- Adrian Victor Vevera, General Director, National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest
- Tudor Alexandru Grecu, Partner, Head of Advisory, KPMG Romania, CEE Head of Defence
- Claudiu Ioan Negrea, Director, Financial Market Infrastructure and Payments Monitoring Directorate, National Bank of Romania
- Paul Barangă, Director, Direcția Supraveghere Intergrată, Autoritatea de Supraveghere Financiară

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LUNCH & NETWORKING

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PANEL III**Digital Finance – Regulation, Protection and Trust**

The European Framework, Consumer Protection and Combating Money Laundering

MODERATOR: Dr. Cristina Carata**Expert in Crypto-Asset Regulation and Distributed Ledger Technology****KEY TOPICS**

- The evolution of the European framework for digital finance and its impact on financial markets
- New digital financial services models and the challenges for regulation and supervision
- Consumer and investor protection in the era of digital financial services
- Preventing and combating money laundering and financial crime in the digital environment
- European cooperation in combating financial crime

SPEAKERS

- Prof. William Knottenbelt, Director, Centre for Cryptocurrency Research and Engineering, Imperial College London
- Stefan Tomanek, Head of Division, Supervision of Crypto-Asset Markets and Financial Innovations, Austrian Financial Market Authority
- Michael Fekkas, First Vice President, Hellenic Capital Market Commission
- Samantha Sheen, Programme Manager, Economic Crime and Cooperation Division, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- Bogdan-Paul Dobrin, Vice-President, National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering - Financial Intelligence Unit of Romania
- Ovidiu Petru, Intermediaries and Market Institutions Directorate, Financial Instruments and Financial Institutions Sector, Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority

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Closing Remarks

Closing remarks and conclusions of the event.

15:20**SPEAKER**

- **Gabriel-Ioan Avrămescu**
First Vice-President, Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority

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