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CEPS-ECMI-ECRI Fintech Day

## Big Data, Innovation and Regulation in Finance: Finding the right balance!

The pace of data-driven innovation is accelerating in financial services. The promise of benefit for both firms and clients will become reality as long as the right policies and enablers are in place. To help meet that challenge, CEPS, ECRI and ECMI are jointly organising their Annual Fintech Conference on “Big Data, Innovation and Regulation in Finance: Finding the right balance!”

Given the significant impact of digitalisation on all types of products and clients, the objective of this conference is to provide a platform for the exchange of good practices across the various supervisors and providers of financial services, thereby contributing to greater regulatory consistency across the different segments of financial services. As such, the scope is relatively wide and intends to include retail financial services (credit, savings and payments), as well as investments and insurance. The programme features key stakeholders in the financial services sector and high-level representatives from the European institutions, national authorities, the financial industry, FinTech start-ups and academia.

The conference will first explore the interplay between *data privacy rights* and *financial innovation*. It will then discuss the potential benefits, risks and challenges for *robo-advisors* and the capacity to progress from niche markets to the mainstream. The debate will finally explore how policy-makers could further help financial firms better protect critical data against increasingly complex *cyber-attacks*.



# Agenda

**08:45 Registration**

**09:15 Opening remarks**

**09:20 Opening keynote address**

Willem Debeuckelaere, Art 29 WP Vice-President, President, Belgian Privacy Commission

**09:50 Session I – Privacy rights and financial innovation: How to promote both?**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and ePrivacy went into effect on May 25<sup>th</sup> to address specific risks that can be triggered by the increasing use of personal data for the purpose of innovation. The focus has been placed on the rising risks related to discrimination and data privacy. While these new rules should raise IT innovation for compliance purposes (notably through RegTech innovations), some of their main provisions are sometimes perceived as an obstacle to specific forms of financial innovation. In particular, could the “right for consumers to be forgotten” undermine the integrity of certain algorithms? How and to what extent can the right to demand that a live human being (as opposed to a computer) review and explain an algorithmic decision impede automation of certain processes using machine learning? More generally, could the legal uncertainty resulting from unclear provisions impede innovation? In the end, how to enhance innovation in finance, whereas ensuring that privacy rights are well preserved?

**Birgit Sippel**, Member of the European Parliament ([Keynote](#))

**Beverly Sawyers**, VP, Head of Operational Excellence, American Express

**Florence Raynal**, Deputy Director, Head of European and International Affairs, CNIL

**Nabil Hbali**, Data Transformation Program Manager, Ingenico Group

**Moderator: Sylvain Bouyon**, Head of Fintech and Retail Finance, CEPS

**11:15 Coffee break**

**11:30 Session II – The reality of robo-advisors: Business models, investor protection and supervision**

The actual and anticipated growth of robo-advice has attracted considerable attention from industry participants and policy-makers. Many firms have entered the market in recent years, mostly based on passive investments/ETFs, with the promise of positively impacting retail investors (reduced costs, improved access to advice and better product choices). They could also benefit from attracting greater interest on the part of certain categories of institutional investors. Nonetheless, flaws in the algorithms, mis-selling risks and privacy and data protection concerns could negatively impact their take-up. Once a robo-advice tool qualifies as investment advice or portfolio management, the provider has to comply with the provisions of MiFID II, in particular the requirements related to suitability.

**Mady Delvaux-Stehres**, Member of the European Parliament ([Keynote](#))

**Joe Parkin**, Head of Wealth and Retail, iShares, BlackRock

**Michele Leoncelli**, Senior Partner, Wealth Management & Personal Finance, Prometeia

**Leonard de Tilly**, Co-Founder & CEO, FundShop

**Moderator: Karel Lannoo**, CEO, CEPS and General Manager, ECMI

**13:00 Lunch break**

### 14:00 Session III – Cybersecurity in finance: Getting the policy mix right!

Cyber-attacks are growing in sophistication, requiring prompt and effectively managed responses. All financial firms are exposed to cyber risks, in particular those that have grown through acquisitions and need to absorb legacy IT systems. Also, as they are undergoing a profound digital transformation, financial firms are adjusting their processes and integrating new types of technologies. The learning processes inherent in these changes pose significant challenges to cybersecurity as well. While EU and national policy-makers are gradually creating the necessary conditions to tackle cybersecurity risks in financial services, numerous policy issues remain unresolved. In particular, can reliable macro-data be produced on cyber-attacks? How can we build an efficient and reactive framework for reporting cyber incidents? What are the main pillars of the preventive approach? Will we be ready when the “Big One” strikes?

**Udo Helmbrecht**, Executive Director, ENISA ([Keynote](#))

**Mark Bannon**, Head of Cyber Liability, EMEA, Zurich Insurance

**Ilias Chantzos**, Senior Director, Symantec Government Affairs

**Giorgio Cusmà Lorenzo**, Head of Information Security Business Continuity Governance, Intesa Sanpaolo

**Moderator: Richard Parlour**, Principal, Financial Markets Law International

### 15:25 Concluding remarks

### 15:30 End of the conference