

2021

Annual Economics Conference Post Event Report

Europe: Smart and Green

Online conference

European Investment Bank

1/21/2021



637

Participants

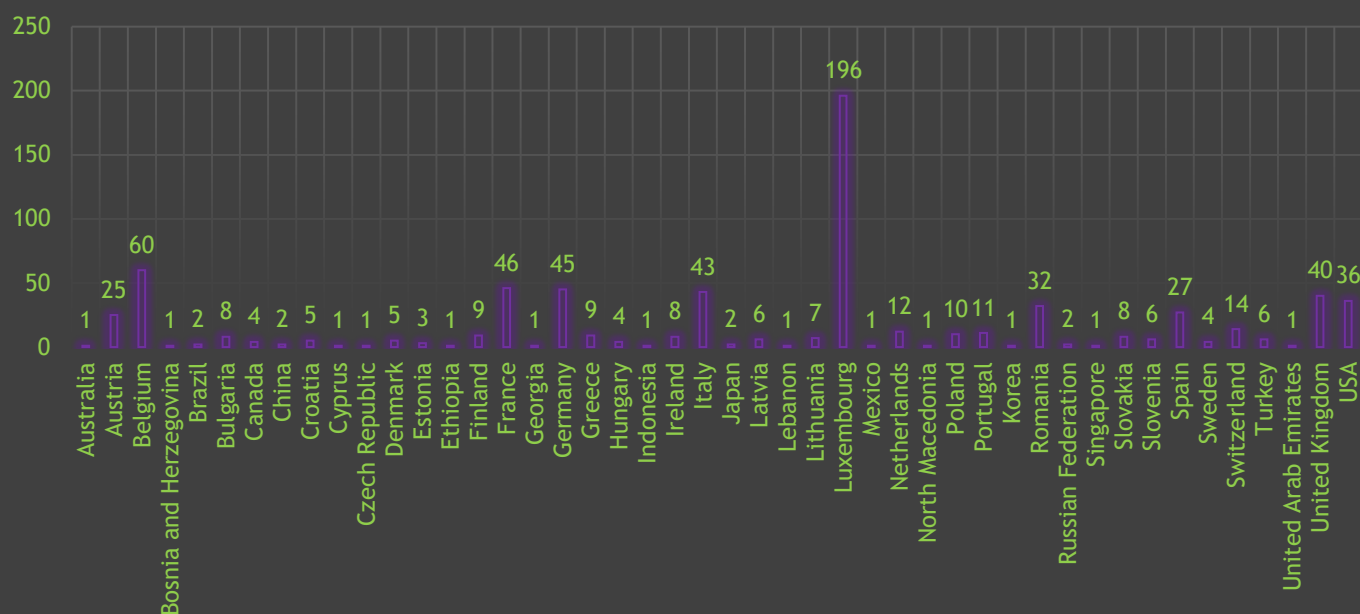
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Speakers

45

Countries

Attendance per country



Top five attendee job titles:

1. (Senior) Economist
2. Chief Economist
3. Director
4. Professor
5. Financial analyst



Video: Keynote thoughts: The US, Europe and China: A Cooperative Framework for a Green and Digital Recovery



Video: EIB Investment Report 2020/2021 - Building a smart and green Europe in the COVID-19 era



This EIB Annual Economics Conference is organised for more than 20 years. This flagship economic event is to convene a public of experts for an in-depth debate on policy issues around investment.

The EIB's annual economics conference, organised in cooperation with the OECD, Columbia University and SUERF, brought together almost 400 economists and policy makers of governments, national and international institutions, prominent academics and leading financial and corporate executives. President Hoyer, in his opening remarks, commented on the importance of partnerships and the urgency to set economic growth on the right course and strengthen investment activity.

Under the overarching theme of "Europe: smart and green", the conference included vivid discussions and keynote speeches on topics ranging from the ways the pandemic will change the world to shifting perspectives on risk, the need for transparent public interventions and the role of financial markets and banks in the twin transition digital and carbon-neutral future.

The conference also marked the launch of the annual EIB Investment Report, "Building a smart and green Europe in the COVID-19 era", which was presented by our Chief Economist, Debora Revoltella.

"If we want to maintain peace and prosperity in Europe, we must fix economic growth and relaunch multilateralism and global partnerships. We must set the course for tomorrow today already. The vibrant discussions at our annual economic conference can help set that course!"

President Hoyer



Video: introduction to the conference



The organisers

The Scientific Committee



Debora Revoltella

Chief Economist, European Investment Bank and member of the SUERF Board



Laurence Boone

Chief Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development



Jan Svejnar

James T. Shotwell Professor of Global Political Economy, Director, Center on Global Economic Governance, SIPA, Columbia University



Pedro de Lima

Head of Economic Studies, European Investment Bank



The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** is the long-term lending institution of the European Union (EU) owned by its Member States. As the world's largest multilateral lender it makes long-term finance available for sound investment in Europe and beyond, to contribute towards [EU policy goals](#) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The EIB is present in more than 160 countries.

The EIB Economics Department provides economic research and studies, as well as unique analysis of investment activities in the EU and beyond, and supports the Bank in its operations and in the definition of its positioning, strategy and policy.



The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** is an international organisation that works to build better policies for [better lives](#). Our goal is to shape policies that foster prosperity, equality, opportunity and well-being for all. We draw on almost 60 years of experience and insights to better prepare the world of tomorrow.

Together with governments, policy makers and citizens, we work on establishing evidence-based international standards and finding solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges. From improving economic performance and creating jobs to fostering strong education and fighting international tax evasion, we provide a unique forum and knowledge hub for data and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on public policies and [international standard-setting](#).

The **Center on Global Economic Governance (CGEG)** is a research and policy center, founded in 2012 within **Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)**. CGEG recognizes that without adequate global economic governance there is a greater possibility of major crises and a tendency toward protectionism and political upheaval.

There is, therefore, a clear need for new theories, empirical studies, and policy initiatives that cut across nation-state boundaries and address the new reality. This provides a unique opportunity for CGEG—a forum that generates pioneering ideas and disseminates them effectively in the policy arena—to make an important economic and social contribution.

The mission of CGEG is to produce innovative policy-oriented research on global economic governance, set the highest academic standards in research, and convene key players from the academic, policy, and business world to address today's critical issues and global challenges.

SUERF – The European Money and Finance Forum is a non-profit association established in 1963 and aims to create a dialog between central banks, supervisors, financial institutions, academic institutions and individual members of the economic and financial community.

SUERF's focus lies on the analysis, discussion and understanding of financial markets and institutions, the monetary economy, the conduct of regulation, supervision and monetary policy. Its events provide a unique European network and forum for the exchange of information, research results, and trends in money, banking and financial markets.



Speakers



Juan Maria Aburto
Mayor of Bilbao, Spain



Caroline Atkinson
Advisory Board Member
RockCreek



Agnes Benassy-Quéré
Chief Economist, DG Trésor
Ministry of Economy and
Finance, France



Erik Berglöv
Chief Economist
Asian Infrastructure
Investment Bank



Laurence Boone
Chief Economist
OECD



Robin Brooks
Managing Director and Chief
Economist
Institute of International
Finance



Pascal Christory
Chief Investment Officer
AXA



Teresa Czerwinska
Vice President
European Investment Bank



Victor Everhardt
Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam
The Netherlands



Ambroise Fayolle
Vice President
European Investment Bank



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Head of Economic Studies
European Investment Bank



Vitor Gaspar
Director, Fiscal Department
International Monetary
Fund (IMF)



Roberta V. Gatti
Chief Economist of the
Middle East and North Africa
(MENA) region
World Bank



Sylvie Goulard
Deputy Governor
Bank of France



Roger Havenith
Deputy CEO
European Investment Fund



Chris Hurst
Director General, Projects
European Investment Bank

Speakers



Werner Hoyer
President
European Investment Bank



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Regions and Cities
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Robert Koopman
Chief Economist
World Trade Organisation



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Laloux
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Studies (CEPS)



Catherine L. Mann
Global Chief Economist
Citigroup



Charles Michel
President of the European
Council



Jorge Moreira da Silva
Director, Development Co-
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Ricardo Mourinho Félix
Vice President
European Investment Bank



Mario Nava
Director General, Structural
Reforms
European Commission



Sergio Nicoletti
Altimari
Director General, Marco-
Prudential Policy and
Financial Stability
European Central Bank



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Chief Economist
UniCredit



Klaus Regling
Managing Director
European Stability
Mechanism



Joaquim Oliveira-
Martins
Counsellor
Center for Prospective
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Steven Ongena
Professor
University of Zurich, Swiss
Finance Institute, KU
Leuven, CEPR



Thomas Östros
Vice President
European Investment Bank

Speakers



Pier Carlo Padoan
Chairman
UniCredit Board



Peter Praet
former Member of the
Executive Board
European Central Bank



Odile Renaud-Basso
President
European Bank for
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Jeffrey Sachs
University Professor,
Director, Centre for
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Columbia University



Joseph E. Stiglitz
University Professor,
Columbia University
Nobel Memorial Prize in
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Columbia University and
Adviser to the Czech
Government



Adam Tooze
Kathryn and Shelby Cullom
Davis Professor of History,
Director of the European
Institute
Columbia University



László Varró
Chief Economist
International Energy
Agency



Reinhilde Veugelers
Professor
KU Leuven and Bruegel



Jakob von Weizsäcker
Chief Economist
Federal Ministry of
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Boris Vujčić
Governor
Croatian National Bank



Shirin Wheeler
Head of Social Media Unit
and Senior International
Press Officer
European Investment Bank

Key take-aways via Social Media



All event videos are
available [here](#).

Social Media Engagement

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Feedback from our participants



I am enjoying the conference—consistently high quality!

The on-line format reduces the scope for exchanging ideas with other participants and networking, but it is also denser and reaches a wider audience—and we're all getting used to it.

Daniel Hardy | Scholar | Vienna University for Economics and Business

Thank you very much for having invited me again to join the 2021 Annual Economics Conference of the EIB, which I was very glad to attend over the past 2 days. As usual, its topics and contents were of high quality and the choice of panellists excellent: many congratulations to you for having organized an event of such quality in so difficult times!

Dominique de Guerre | Senior Advisor | Moelis & Company

