



EURO FINANCE TECH DAY

FROM ARTIFICIAL TO AUTONOMOUS FINANCE |

Shaping Europe's Intelligent Financial Future

18 November 2026 | Steigenberger Icon Frankfurter Hof, Frankfurt am Main

From 8:00 Registration

9:00

Welcome

Sarah Schmidtke

Managing Director, Bankenverband Mitte

Welcome Note

Dr. Nicolas Sölter

Hesse's State Secretary for Digitalization and Innovation

Opening Impulse I

Yasser Jadidi*

Co-Chief Research Officer, Technology, Aleph Alpha

Opening Impulse II

Dr. Heike Riel

IBM Fellow, Head of Science of Quantum and Information Technology

9:45 Future Talks

Moderation: Joachim von Puttkamer, Executive Vice President, Head of Financial Services Germany, Capgemini

Legacy Is the Enemy: Why Autonomous Finance Makes the Mainframe Obsolete

Max Linden

Co-Founder & CEO, lemon.markets

Markus Neukirch

Chief Operating Officer, Member of the Board, Deutsche WertpapierService Bank

Sovereignty, Security, and AI: Innovating with confidence in Financial Services

Stéphane Israël

Managing Director, AWS European Sovereign Cloud and Digital Sovereignty, AWS

Is Europe ready for Agentic AI in Banking?

Stephan A. Paxmann

Chief Innovation Officer, LBBW

10:40 Beyond the AI Hype | How to Turn AI Spend into Business Value

Sascha Beck

Executive Director & Financial Services-Leader, GFT Technologies

Jonathan Gross

Center of Excellence AI Lead, GFT Technologies

Moderation:

Sarah Schmidtke, Managing Director, Bankenverband Mitte

11:00 From Generative AI to Agentic Systems: Opportunities and Risks for Financial Stability

Kartik Anand

Senior Economist, Deutsche Bundesbank

Prof. Dr. Christina E. Bannier

Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

Noel Lorenz

Founder, Mindverse

Eva-Maria Strube

Head of Strategy & Group Development, DZ BANK

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11:45 Coffee & Networking Break

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12:15 Parallel Deep Dive Sessions

From AI Spend to AI Value | Building the Right AI Stack

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Pedro Castelo Branco Lourenço

CTO Germany, GFT Technologies

Jonathan Gross

Center of Excellence AI Lead, GFT Technologies



Architects of Independence | How Financial Institutions Achieve True Technological Sovereignty with Hybrid Tech Stacks

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Kolja Gabriel

Member of the Executive Board - Political Affairs + Innovation, Bankenverband

Edmund Hoischen

Head of Financial Services Germany, AWS

Max Linden

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Gero Skopinski

Head of Cloud Solutions, Finanz Informatik Technologie Service



Who Controls the Agents? | Managing Risks when AI takes over

Powered by FIRM - Frankfurt Institute for Risk Management and Regulation

Dr. Sebastian Fritz-Morgenthal

Head of Non-Financial Risk Management, Aspen Separation

Gerold Grasshoff

Gerold Grasshoff, CEO, FIRM



Reshaping IT Strategy | From 2.000 Applications to an AI-Driven Portfolio

Powered by Capgemini

Cliff Evans

Executive Vice President, Head of Technology Europe, Financial Services, Capgemini



Why Your AI Is Worse Than It Could Be | The Underestimated Role of Data Quality

Powered by Intero Consulting

Benedikt Hildenbrand

Manager, Intero Consulting

Sarina Wittchen

Partner, Intero Consulting



13:15 Lunchbreak

Exclusive Female Finance Lunch | Powered by TechQuartier

Female Leadership in the Age of AI | An exclusive lunch conversation on leadership, innovation and the next generation of financial services.

Intro: Meike Buchholz, Managing Director, dfv Euro Finance Group & Sandra Janicijevic, Chairwoman, GM, FFM!

Co-Host: Alice Rettig, Managing Director, TechQuartier

By Invitation only



14:15 Cloud, Data and AI | Building Europe's Digital Infrastructure

Claudia Alsdorf*

Managing Director Business Development, STACKIT

Dr. Daniel Besse

Chief Digital Transformation Officer, Deutsche Börse Group

Oliver Lens*

Head of Central Europe, SWIFT

Markus Pflitsch

Founder, CEO & Chairman, Terra Quantum

Moderation

Alice Rettig, Managing Director, TechQuartier



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15:00 AI and the Future of Payments: Intelligence, Trust, and Stability

Andrej Ankerst	Head of Cash Management Germany, Switzerland, Austria & Central Eastern Europe, BNP Paribas
Katja Lehr*	Managing Director, EMEA Payments and Commerce Solutions, J.P. Morgan Chase
Martina Weimert*	CEO, EPI Company - European Payments Initiative
Moderation:	Patricia Battenberg, Managing Director, G+D Netcetera

15:30 Return on AI | From Hype to Competitive Advantage

Simone Barbosa	Head of Organization and Innovation, BayernLB
Karsten Thiem	Chief Operating Officer, HSBC Germany
Moderation:	N.N., PwC Germany

16:30 Closing Statement

Prof. Dr. Markus Brunnermeier*	Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Economics, Princeton University
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16:50 End of Conference

18:00 Award Ceremony | Startup of the Year | Frankfurt Forward

Followed by Drinks & Flying Dinner

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