

CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN TRANSFORMATION

2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Powering European Competitiveness: Innovation, Finance,
and Strategic Resilience | Thursday, 6 March 2025, 13:30 – 19:00

Conference Moderator: Carolin Roth (International business journalist, freelance presenter and reporter)

13:30	Registration (30min)
14:00	Welcome Address (15min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Dr. Nils Stieglitz (President & CEO, Frankfurt School)▪ Prof. Dr. Alexander Lorz (Finance Minister (Hesse))
14:15	Opening Keynote Talk (15min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Oliver Behrens (Chairman DWS)▪ Carolin Roth (International business journalist, freelance presenter, and reporter)
14:30	Panel 1 (50min) Shaping the Future: Strategic Imperatives for European Transformation and Competitiveness Impulse: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Ingrid Hengster (CEO Germany, Barclays) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Nicola Beer (Vice President, European Investment Bank)▪ Dr. Ingrid Hengster (CEO Germany, Barclays)▪ Prof. Achim Wambach (President, ZEW)
15:20	Coffee Break (30min)
15:50	CEO Talk (20min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Tamaz Georgadze (CEO & Co-Founder Raisin)▪ Dr. Eckart Windhagen (Board Advisor and former McKinsey Senior Partner)
16:10	Panel 2 (50min) Financing Transformation in a Geopolitically Uncertain World Impulse (video message): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maria Luís Albuquerque (EU Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hauke Burkhardt (Head Trade Finance & Lending DACH, Deutsche Bank)▪ Prof. Dr. Sascha Steffen (Centre Director, Centre for European Transformation)▪ Vincenzo Vedda (Global Chief Investment Officer, DWS)
17:00	Closing Keynote (30min) Speakers (remote): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Ilya A. Strebulaev (Stanford University)
17:30	Wrap-Up (10min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Carolin Roth (International business journalist, freelance presenter, and reporter)▪ Prof. Dr. Sascha Steffen (Centre Director, Centre for European Transformation)
17:40	Get-Together (80min) The event will conclude with an exclusive networking get-together – a great opportunity to connect with peers and industry leaders!

Any Questions? Reach out to

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