



THE CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN FORUM

Where CEE markets thrive

12 - 14 January, 2027 | Hybrid | Hilton Vienna Park, Austria

CEE Forum Day 1: Tuesday 12 January

08.00-08.45



Registration and Networking

08:45-08.50



Financial Times Welcome: **Claer Barrett, Consumer Editor, Financial Times**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

08.50-09.05



Opening keynote: **A More Integrated and Competitive Europe**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

09.05-09.20



Opening keynote: **Building a Robust European Banking Sector**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

09:20 -09.35



Opening keynote: **Host Country**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**



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Visiting Government Keynote Interviews:

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Henry Foy, Brussels Bureau Chief, **Financial Times**

10:30-11.00



Networking Coffee

11:00 -12.00



Panel I: CEE: growth, stability and opportunity?

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Mercedes Ruehl**, Switzerland and Austria Correspondent, **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Magdalena Polan**, Managing Director, Head of EM Macroeconomic Research, **PGIM**

Gregorio De Felice, Chief Economist, **Intesa Sanpaolo**

Matteo Ferrazzi, Senior Economist, Principal Advisor at European Institutions, **EIB**

Andreea Moraru, Managing Director for Central Europe and the Baltic States, **EBRD**

Carlos Mulas-Granados, Regional Representative for Central, Eastern, and SouthEastern Europe, **IMF**

Ines Rocha, Director for Europe, **IFC**



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Panel II: **Sovereign Borrowers: Funding in a Volatile World**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Henry Foy**, Brussels Bureau Chief, **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Karol Czarnecki**, Director, Public Debt Department, **Ministry of Finance, Government of the Republic of Poland**

Markus Stix, Managing Director, **Austrian Treasury**

Gergely Tardos, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, **AKK Hungary**

12.45-13.45



NETWORKING LUNCH

13.45-14.30



Panel III: **Sovereign Borrowers: Innovation and Resilience**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Richard Kemmish**, Editorial Consultant, **FT Live**

Speakers: **Yuriy Butsa**, Government Commissioner for Public Debt Management, **Ministry of Finance, Ukraine**

Marjan Divjak, Director General, **Ministry of Finance, Government of Slovenia**

Stefan Nanu, Head of Treasury and Public Debt Department, **Ministry of Public Finance, Government of Romania**



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Panel IV: Investing in CEE

Moderator: FT

Speakers: **Alaa Bushehri**, Head of Emerging Markets Fixed Income, **BNP Paribas Asset Management**

Micah James, Co-head of Emerging Markets Fixed Income and Global Head of EM Research, **Vanguard**



Panel V: EU Accession Spotlight

Moderator: **Richard Kemmish**, Editorial Consultant, **FT Live**

Speakers: **Debora Revoltella**, Senior Fellow, **Bruegel**

Julia Woerz, Head of the Central and Eastern European and Southeastern Europe Section, **Oesterreichische Nationalbank**

Grzegorz Zielinski, Managing Director South-Eastern Europe, **EBRD**



Panel VI: Funding for CEE's defence industry: how is the industry adapting to the current geopolitical climate?

Moderator: **Raphael Minder**, Central Europe Correspondent, **Financial Times**

Speakers:

15.15-16.00



Workshop A:

Hosted by:

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**



Workshop B:

Hosted by:

Location: **Stream 2 - Grand Klimt Hall 3**



Workshop C:

Hosted by:

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**

16.00-16.20



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Workshop D:

Hosted by: **Raiffeisen Bank International**

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Workshop E:

Hosted by:

Location: **Stream 2 - Grand Klimt Hall 3**



Workshop F:

Hosted by:

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**

17.05 -18.00



Panel VII: **How is CEE's banking sector evolving?**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Paola Papanicolaou**, Chief of International Banks Division, **Intesa Sanpaolo**

18.00-21.00



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CEE Forum Day 2: Wednesday 13 January

08.00-09.00



REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

08.15-09.00



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:

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09.00-09.10



Financial Times Welcome: **Clear Barrett**, Consumer Editor, Financial Times

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

09.10-09.25



Opening keynote Interview:

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

09.25-10.20

Panels VIII: **Monetary Policy outlook**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**



Panel VIII b: **Monetary Policy Outlook**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 3**



Panel IX: **Poland Spotlight**

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**



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Moderators: **Chris Giles**, Economic Commentator, **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Ante Žigman**, Governor, **Croatian National Bank**

Petar Chobanov, Deputy Governor, **Bulgarian National Bank**

Moderators: **Richard Kemmish**, Editorial Consultant, **FT Live**

Speakers:

Moderators: **Raphael Minder**, Central Europe Correspondent, **Financial Times**

Speakers:

10.20-11.00



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11.00-11.45

Panel X: **Does sustainable fixed income have a place in today's world?**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderators: **Mercedes Ruehl**, Switzerland and Austria Correspondent, **Financial Times**

Speakers:

Panel XI: **How are non financial corporates funding growth?**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 3**

Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers:

Panel XII: **Romania Spotlight**

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Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers:



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Panel XIV: **Driving energy security: how is the funding of energy and infrastructure changing?**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Raphael Minder**, Central Europe Correspondent, **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Jaroslava Korpanec**, Head of CEE, **Actis**

Panel XV: **What is the best path to building deeper capital markets?**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 3**

Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Alex Pivovarsky**, Director of the Capital & Financial Markets Development, **EBRD**

Panel XVI: **Romania Spotlight**

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**

Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers:

12.30-13.30



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Panel XVIII: **Will the growth in commercial real estate continue?**

Panel XVIII: **Exploring the regulatory environment for pension funds in the region**

Panel XIX: **Ukraine Spotlight**

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**



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Speakers:

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 3**

Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Tatjana Bojkovska**, Member of the Management Board, **Sava penzisko drustvo**

Goran Martinoski, Head of Asset Management, **KB First Pension Company**

Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Francis Malige**, Managing Director, Financial Institutions, **EBRD**

14.15-15.00

Panel XX: **Digital transformation in banking: what does a bank look like 10 years from now?**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Financial Times**

Speakers:

Panel XXI: **Covered Bonds: market outlook**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 3**

Moderators: **Richard Kemmish**, Editorial Consultant, **FT Live**

Speakers:

Panel XXII: **Hungary Spotlight**

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**

Moderators: **Financial Times**

Speakers:

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Workshop G: Sponsored Content
Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Moderator: **Financial Times**
Speakers:

Panel XXIII: **Covered bonds: developments in new jurisdictions**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 3**

Moderators: **Richard Kemmish**, Editorial Consultant, **FT Live**
Speakers:

Panel XXIV: **Turkey Spotlight**

Location: **Stream 3 - Park Suite 7**

Moderators: **Financial Times**
Speakers:

16.15-17.00



Panel XXV: **Final Debate: 5 key trends to watch for 2027**

Location: **Main Session - Grand Klimt Hall 1&2**

Top regional experts share their insights as to what to expect for the year ahead.

Moderator: **Financial Times**

Speakers: **Henry Burdon**, EM Sovereign Analyst, **TCW**

17.00-18.00



Drinks reception

CEE Forum Day 3: **NEW Specialist Day: Thursday 14 January 2027**



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09.00-16.00	Future of Asset Management CEE Location: Grand Klimt Hall 1&2 Separately bookable	CEE Securitisation Summit Location: Grand Klimt Hall 3 Open to all CEE Forum delegates, or Summit only tickets available	CEE Private Capital Summit Location: Park Suite 7 Open to all CEE Forum delegates, or Summit only tickets available	Eurasia Investment Summit Location: Park Suite 8 & 9 Open to all CEE Forum delegates, or Summit only tickets available
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