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Key Topic Coverage

The Central and Eastern European Forum celebrated its 30th anniversary this January in Vienna. The Forum welcomed a record-high attendance of 2,020+ people from 54 nations, demonstrating its central role in CEE markets.

- Central and Eastern Europe: regional overview
- Funding the state, a sovereign borrowers session
- Rebuilding Ukraine
- Investment opportunities
- The preparation phase: implications of EU candidacy
- Growth, Change, Opportunities. Forces shaping CEE's banking sector
- Resilience in M&A?
- Private Equity
- Central Banks after the storm
- Sustainability data: climbing the reporting mountain
- Energy and Sustainable Investing
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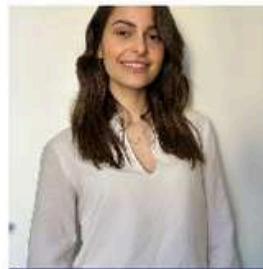
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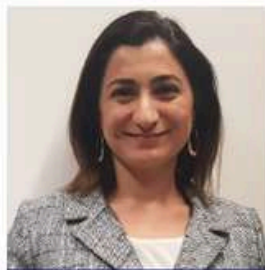
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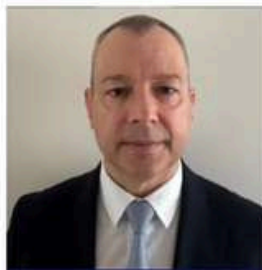
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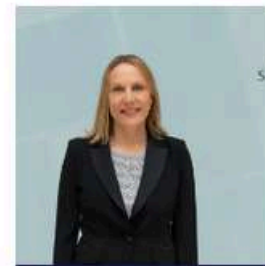
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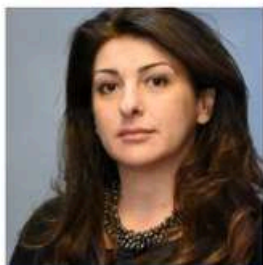
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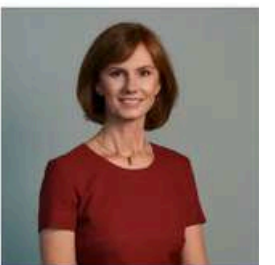
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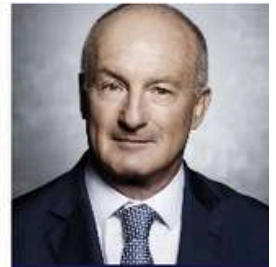
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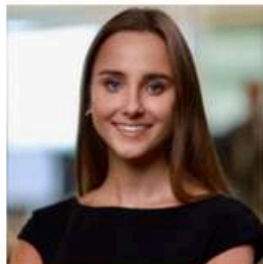
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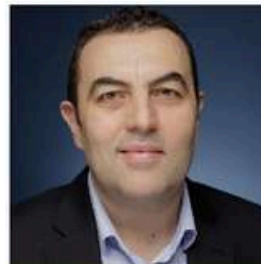
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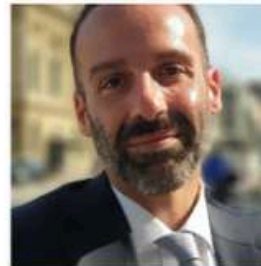
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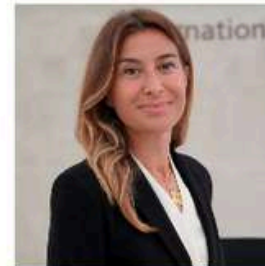
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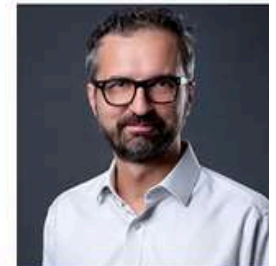
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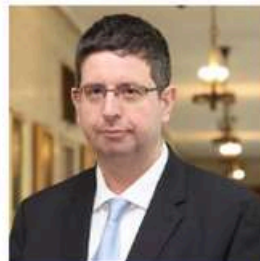
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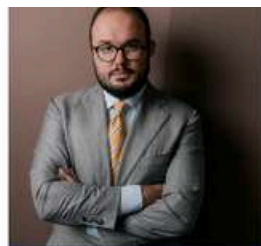
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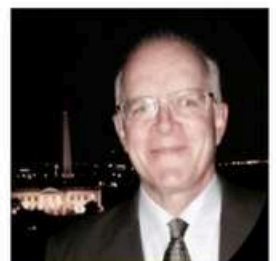
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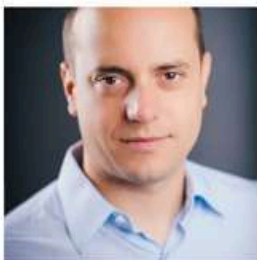
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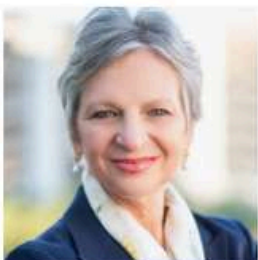
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By far the most important capital markets event covering the CEE/CIS region. It was a great opportunity to engage not only with the existing partners but also to explore potential new collaborations including syndicated loans discussions.

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It gives a fresh update at the beginning of the year on important market developments in the region, you hear different perspectives, make new contacts and exchange news with old friends.

Julia Wörz, Head of the Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe Section, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

More and more companies/issuers are joining this event.

Günther Artner,
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an excellent opportunity to get in touch with everyone at the beginning of the year

Debora Revoltella,
Director of the Economics Department, EIB

One of the best business events for CEE capital markets players, good start of the business year (catch-up), interesting panel discussions, networking, business information, meeting with clients on effective and cost effective basis.

Istvan Agoston, Head of Financial Institutions and Custody, Raiffeisen Bank Hungary

...the place where I meet most of the business partners I work with and partners I would like to work with.

Fatos Krasniqi,
CEO, PriBank

Regional annual hub for stakeholders to come together and "speed date", very efficient and productive. Panels are also very interesting and up-to-date.

Pars Ayaz, Syndications Officer,
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Extremely efficient gathering for the region with wide presence of banks and service providers.

Siyana Nikolova, Head of ALM,
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FEEDBACK FROM OUR DELEGATES



While Central and Eastern Europe has had an exceptional run in recent years, rising input prices at home and weak demand abroad pose challenges to its export-led growth model.

Geoff Gottlieb, the IMF's Senior Regional Representative for the IMF Office for Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe, took part in a discussion on the outlook for the region's economies at the Central & Eastern Europe Forum in Vienna this week <https://theceeforum.com/>.

Valerie Brunner Debora Revoltella Charlotte Ruhe Invisso Toby Fildes
Francesca Cockcroft Sebastian Sosa Maciej Onoszko



Henry Burdon • 1st
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Was great to be in Vienna last week representing [Tellimer](#) at the annual CEE Forum which gathers policymakers, investors, IFI's and private sector participants involved in Central & Eastern Europe.

On our panel we chatted about:

- Trump tariff scenarios and their possible impact
- The challenging rates and FX backdrop for emerging market economies
- Implications of an end to the war in Ukraine on the CEE region and beyond
- If growth in CEE can decouple from sluggish growth in Western Europe

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[Martin Blum](#) of [Raiffeisen Bank International AG](#) opening the first ever genAI workshop at [Invisso's](#) Central and Eastern European Forum 2025 on Using GenAI to Remain Ahead of CEE Central Bank Policy along with [Barnabas Virag](#), Deputy Governor of [Magyar Nemzeti Bank](#), [Nick Eisinger](#) of [Vanguard](#), [Geoff Gottlieb](#) of [International Monetary Fund](#) & [Bernhard Pfann](#) of [RBI](#) at [Hilton](#) [#Vienna](#) [#Austria](#).



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As a data scientist, it's not every day that I get to trade the dark mode of my code editor for the bright spotlights of a conference hall.

Therefore it felt gratifying to present and discuss some of our work on a panel during last week's [#CEEFForum](#) in Vienna, alongside policymakers and investors.

Thank you, [Martin Blum](#), for putting me on the spot!



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ICYMI: EIF experts joined the CEE Securitisation Summit 2025 in Vienna to explore the future of [#securitisation](#) in the CEE region and in Europe 📌

As the EIF head of securitisation [Georgi Stoev](#) confirms, Europe is a world leader in synthetic securitisation and the CEE region is booming, but traditional [#ABS](#) suffer.

We also touched base on the legal and regulatory landscape, covering topics such as the divergent EU and UK frameworks, the current regulatory constraints on pan-European structures, and the evolution of the STS regime 🗨️ "The securitisation market can play a crucial role in advancing the [#CapitalMarketsUnion](#)," remarked [Alessandro Garelli](#).

[Cyril du Boispean](#), CFA provided some key messages on securitisation at the EIF: Over the last eleven years (2013-2024), €110bn of SME loans have been unlocked thanks to the EIF and EIB securitisation activity, benefiting over 750,000 SMEs for this period.

✓ We aim to make securitisation more accessible, sometimes by being the first investor in new jurisdictions - Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria or Norway are recent examples.

Thanks to [Francesca Cockcroft](#) and [Invisso](#) for organising this event and see you next year! 🙌



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Time for securitisation in the CEE.

Looking forward to attending the CEE Securitisation Summit 2025 in Vienna next week. Let me know if you're attending (maybe we also find time for a run).

Increased interest in capital optimisation strategies and already a large and growing base of active and potential issuers from 30+ countries, together with core and potential investors in the region make this summit a must-go event.

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CEE Securitisation Summit 2025 Key Themes:

- SRT: leading the way
- Legal and regulatory environment
- Unlocking the potential for ABS. What do we need? How do we get it?
- The evolution of private capital
- A-Z of Securitising Trade receivables
- Understanding investor needs
- The private investor v the public investor
- CEE Banking sector analysis.
- The role of securitisation in supporting climate transition

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Insightful, informative and competent discussion about local bond market development in Ukraine by [Larysa Bondarieva](#), Corporate and Markets Board Member of the Raiffeisen Bank Ukraine at Central and Eastern European Forum 2025 by [Invisso](#) in Vienna, Austria.





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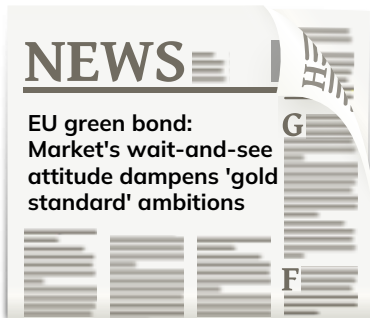
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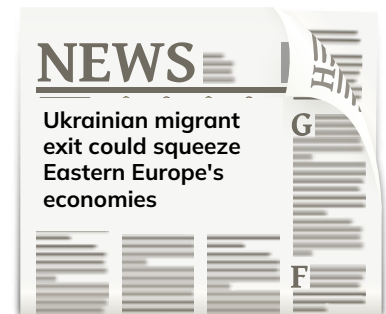
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A record 2,020 delegates joined us in Vienna to kick-start the financial year, with attendees from 54 different countries convening under one roof to meet with old friends and to forge new relationships.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, speakers and attendees for supporting the 2025 Forum and for making it such a great success.

Save the Date!

We look forward to working with you all again soon, and to seeing you back in Vienna on 13-14 January 2026.

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