



Bank of Albania Annual Conference, Tirana, 9 November 2017

## BANKING DEVELOPMENTS AND FINANCIAL MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE

The role of structure, size and market infrastructure in risks mitigation and financial intermediation



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# PROGRAMME

9 November 2017, Tirana International Hotel, Balsha room

***Brief Summary:** The purpose of the conference is to discuss domestic and foreign risks to banking system stability in Emerging Europe, with particular focus on Albanian and SEE economies and challenges that these risks present for central banks. In particular the conference will: analyse how risks influence risks, and change the nature and magnitude of potential shocks; estimate the impact of these risks on the central banks' policy efficiency and policy outcome and propose alternative policy tools; and discuss the role of financial markets, their incompleteness and imperfection, in the effectiveness of policy action and the achievement of macro-financial stability in the economy.*

**08:30 – 09:00**      **Registration**

**09:00 – 10:00**      **Welcome and opening speeches**

Welcome address by **Gent SEJKO**, Governor, Bank of Albania

Welcome address by **Othon ANASTASAKIS**, Director of South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), St Antony's College

Greeting speech by **Arben AHMETAJ**, Minister of Finance and Economy

Greeting speech by **H.E.Mr. Ilir META**, President of the Republic of Albania

**10:00 – 10:10**      **Group photo**

**10:10 – 11:40**      **FIRST SESSION: The nature of risks and risk resilience in the SEE Region**

*The session will discuss the nature of current regional and domestic risks, their interlinks and, at the same time, define and assess resilience to these risks. The session will explore the regional dimension.*

**Chair:** **Piroska NAGY-MOHACSI**, Programme Director, LSE Institute for Global Affairs

**EU developments and the impact in the region of South East Europe: External risks and challenges**

**Othon ANASTASAKIS**, Director of South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), St Antony's College

**Geo-economic developments and Regional trends: China's financial footprint in the Region; What are risks and opportunities?**

**Jens BASTIAN**, Independent Economic Consultant

**Regional and country specific risks: Comprehensive discussion of economic, financial stability risk, fiscal institutional and sovereign risks**

**Bas B. BAKKER**, Senior Regional Resident Representative, IMF Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe

**Euroisation, Euro Area monetary policy and its consequences for banking and financial system market risks in the SEE region**

**Franz NAUSCHNIGG**, Head of European Affairs and International Financial Organizations Division, Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

**Banking and financial system market risks, comprehensive discussion of liquidity risk & solvency risks, economic and financial stability risk, fiscal and sovereign risks**

**Periklis DROUGKAS**, Chairman, Albanian Association of Banks

**Banking sector in the Albanian economy: what's next?**

**Natasha AHMETAJ**, Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Albania

11:25 – 11:40 Questions & Discussions

11:40 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 **SECOND SESSION: Economic financial and institutional challenges and policy solutions**

*The session will discuss challenges and policy options faced by central banks and Supervising Authorities. The session will also keep in focus the role and efficiency of monetary policy, exchange regimes, macro-prudential and regulatory changes and/or other institutional arrangements in the presence of financial market incompleteness and limitations.*

**Chair: Adam BENNETT**, Deputy Director of PEFM, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

**Credit conditions, the effects of economic shocks and monetary policy**

**Massimiliano MARCELLINO**, Professor, Department of Economics, Bocconi University

**NPLs as the main and fundamental source of all macro and financial problems - Credit developments, its drivers and implications**

**Piroska NAGY-MOHACSI**, Programme Director, LSE Institute for Global Affairs

**The direct and indirect impact of micro and macro-prudential policies undertaken in the developed partners - Including Eurozone Supervisory and Regulatory Authorities, the Fed etc.**

**Pietro CATTE**, Deputy Head of International Economy and Relations Directorate, Banca d'Italia

**Traditional and non-traditional tools of monetary and financial market interventions. Is there a role for monetary, macro-prudential and regulatory policy? What else is available for the central banks?**

**Erald THEMELI**, Head of the Monetary Policy Department, Bank of Albania

**Banking system, financial market institutions and the role of missing market links**

**Guido DELLA VALLE**, IMF - Monetary Policy Advisor to Bank of Albania

**The role of financial inclusion not only as a tool for poverty reduction but also as an instrument to reinforce central bank policies related to financial stability while managing financial trade-offs for inclusive growth**

**Linda VAN GELDER**, Country Director for the Western Balkans Region, World Bank

13:15 – 13:30 Questions & Discussions

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:30 **GOVERNORS' PANEL: Financial markets, financial inclusion and their important role for future developments in macroeconomic and financial stability**

*The panel will discuss the role of the financial market and its infrastructure, in particular the role of missing links (money market, pension funds, mutual funds etc., and other market segments) and recent fintech expansion, in the current developments with respect to risks, resilience and efficiency of monetary and financial stability policies.*

**Chair: Jens BASTIAN**, Independent Economic Consultant

**Gent SEJKO**, Governor, Bank of Albania

**Fehmi MEHMETI**, Governor, Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo

**Radoje ŽUGIĆ**, Governor, Central Bank of Montenegro

**Belma ČOLAKOVIĆ**, Chief Economist, Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Aneta KRSTEVSKA**, Chief Economist, National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia

16:30 – 16:45 Summary and closing remarks