

Sustainability Standards Conference 2026

**Sustainable Governance amidst Global Constraints: Navigating
Diverse Goals and Implementation Challenges Towards Common
Standards**



Monday, 18 May 2026

Goethe University Frankfurt

Casino Anbau West

Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 2

60323 Frankfurt am Main

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08.30 – 09.00 h

Registration & Welcome Coffee

09.00 – 09.05 h

Introduction to the day

- Dr. Vincent **Lindner**, Head of Policy Center, SAFE - Sustainable Architecture for Finance in Europe & Conference Moderator

09.05 – 09.30 h

Welcome

- Prof. Dr. Michael **Huth**, Vice President, Goethe University
- Mike **Josef**, Lord Mayor, City of Frankfurt

09:30 – 10:00 h

Fireside Chat

Interconnection of Sustainability and Finance: How environmental and social factors can impact financial markets and institutions, emphasizing their role in risk assessment.

Moderation

- Dr. Detlef **Fechtner**, Chief Political Reporter, Börsen-Zeitung

Panellists

- Frank **Elderson**, Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board & Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank
- Petra **Hielkema**, Chairperson, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority

10:00 – 12:30 h

Research Session

From Disclosure to Decarbonisation: Evaluating Standards and their Real-Word Impact in a Changing World

How does the revised EU regulatory framework for corporate reporting correspond with standards in other economic areas?

What is the impact of various standard setting regimes on corporate behaviour and decision making AND on capital markets' ability to finance the green transition?

How important are complementary fiscal and macroeconomic policies and how do they interact with accounting practices?

Presenters

- Prof. Dr. Matthias **Breuer**, Heisenberg Professorship for Corporate Reporting and Regulation, Goethe University
- Prof. Dr. Gaizka **Ormazabal**, Grupo Santander Chair of Financial Institutions and Corporate Governance, IESE Business School, University of Navarra
- Prof. Dr. Katharina **Hombach**, Professorship for Financial Accounting and Corporate Governance, Goethe University

- Discussants and leading questions from industry and civil society participants

12:30 – 14:00 h

Luncheon sponsored by

Deloitte.

14:00 – 14:15 h

Keynote Address

Shaping the Future: The Evolving Role of Standards Setters in a Dynamic Global Landscape

Adapting to Change: Discuss how standards setters must evolve in response to rapid global changes, including technological advancements and societal shifts

- Emmanuel **Faber**, Chair, International Sustainability Standards Board

14:15 – 14:45 h

In Conversation

Aligning Sustainability Reporting: Europe and the Global Push for Interoperability

How European and international sustainability reporting frameworks are converging to reduce complexity and improve consistency for companies and investors?

Moderation

- Dr. Detlef **Fechtner**, Chief Political Reporter, Börsen-Zeitung

Speakers

- Sue **Lloyd**, Vice-Chair, International Sustainability Standards Board
- Sven **Gentner**, Head of Unit Corporate Reporting, Audit and Credit Rating Agencies, European Commission, Directorate General Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

14:45 – 15:45 h

Governance Session

Green Governance in a Multipolar World: Navigating the Balance of Power

Is a Unified Global Baseline a Solution to Regulatory Fragmentation? The EU's Strategic Dilemmas: Leadership or Overreach?

Moderation

- Dr. Detlef **Fechtner**, Chief Political Reporter, Börsen-Zeitung

Panellists

- Wilhelm **Mohn**, Global Head of Active Ownership, Norges Bank Investment Management

- Michelle **Edkins**, Managing Director, BlackRock Investment Stewardship, BlackRock & Member of the ISSB Investor Advisory Group
- Soledad **Núñez**, Deputy Governor, Banco de España & Member of the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) – **invited**
- Dr. Antje **Stobbe**, Head of Stewardship, Allianz Global Investor

15:45 – 16:15 h

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:30 h

Practitioner Session

Aligning Sustainability Reporting: Paths to Interoperability

Can sustainability reporting speak with one voice across companies and borders?

Impulse

- Interoperability of ISSB Standards – Status Update
Sue **Lloyd**, Vice-Chair, International Sustainability Standards Board

Moderation

- Georg **Janfermann**, President, DSRC – Deutsches Rechnungslegungs Standards Committee e.V. & Vice President, EFRAG Administrative Board

Panellists

- Sue **Lloyd**, Vice-Chair, International Sustainability Standards Board
- Dr. Jochen **Kurtz**, Vice-President Group Sustainability Performance Management & Reporting, BASF SE & Member of the Carbon Accounting Standards Initiative (CASI)
- Wim **Bartels**, Senior Partner for Risk Advisory and European Sustainability Lead, Deloitte & Member of the Sustainability Reporting Board, EFRAG
- Kristina **Rüter**, Managing Director and Global Head of ESG Methodology, ISS ESG

17:30 – 18:00 h

Keynote Address

- Ingo **Speich**, Head of Sustainability and Corporate Governance, Deka Investment

18:00 – 20:00 h

Closing Address & Get-Together

- Prof. Dr. Loriana **Pelizzon**, Deputy Scientific Director, SAFE