

# 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

[Registration here](#)

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-World 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?*

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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
- Prof. Dr. Kerstin **Lopatta**, Chair of the EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board

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?*

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#### 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 **Lanfermann**, 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