

High Level Meeting

# CESEE at a turning point - competing in an age of disruption and digital acceleration

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## Speaker's CVs



**Kujtim Dobruna** is a strategy advisor and management consultant with more than 20 years of international experience at the intersection of investment, economic development, and institutional transformation. As Founder of ECIKS, he advises governments, international organisations, and private sector clients in Central and South-Eastern Europe, with a particular focus on the Western Balkans, on investment facilitation, innovation systems, and digital transformation.

He has contributed to the design and implementation of key economic development instruments, including credit guarantee schemes and national innovation funding mechanisms, and has supported numerous companies in their growth and international expansion. His work is shaped by a practical understanding of how investment decisions are made, with a focus on translating strategic priorities into viable, bankable projects.



**Matteo Ferrazzi** is Principal Advisor at the European Investment Bank (EIB), lending arm of the European Union, owned by its 27 Member States. Prior to joining EIB, he held senior economist and managerial roles at UniCredit Group and Bank Austria. Matteo has also worked at the Italian economic think tank Prometeia and in the asset management industry. He is lecturer at ASERI, Catholic University in Milan, and holds degrees from the University of Modena, Bocconi University, and an Executive MBA from Politecnico of Milan. He is author of three books.



**Zuzana Kaparová** is the Head of the EIB Group in Slovakia since 2023. With more than 18 years of experience, Zuzana worked in various positions at the Ministry of the Environment in the Czech Republic, for the European Commission in Brussels, or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. Since 2015, she has been working for the European Investment Bank, where she held various positions, such as Environmental Specialist in Vienna or Luxembourg. She holds a Master's in Law from Charles University in Prague and Chemistry from University of Pardubice.



**Martin Kocher** is Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank and member of the ECB's Governing Council since September 2025. He held the positions of Austrian Federal Minister of Labour from 2021 to 2022 and Federal Minister of Labour and the Economy from 2022 to March 2025. Prior to this, he was Scientific Director of the Vienna-based Institute for Advanced Studies, President of the Fiscal Advisory Council and Chairman of the Statistics Council. He is Full Professor of Economics at the University of Vienna and has held academic positions at universities in Munich, East Anglia, Amsterdam, Gothenburg, Brisbane and Innsbruck, where he obtained his doctorate.



Since October 2025 **Marek Mora** has been Vice-president of the European Investment Bank. From April 2023 to October 2025, he served as Deputy Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic. Prior to this, he held prominent positions in both national and European institutions. From 2017 to 2023, he was a member of the Bank Board of the Czech National Bank, where he became Deputy Governor in December 2018. At the European level, he worked at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union from 2010 to 2017, first as Director of the Cabinet of the Secretary-General and later as Director for Budget, Taxation and Regional Policy. He played a key role in the preparation and execution of the Czech Republic's first presidency of the Council of the EU, serving as Deputy Minister for European Affairs. Before that, he briefly served as Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports. From 2003 to 2006, he worked as an economist at the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission. Marek Mora holds a degree from the University of Economics in Prague and pursued postgraduate studies in economics in Saarbrücken, Hamburg and Leipzig.



**Maurizio Poletto** is Chief Operating Officer and Chief Platform Office (CPO) of Erste Group, where he leverages over a decade of senior management experience in the banking and fintech sector. He is founder of Erste Group’s inhouse fintech George Labs and has been a driving force behind the development of the digital banking platform George.



**Pavol Prepiak** is an automotive industry executive and policy expert with over 30 years of experience in vehicle import, distribution, and industry representation. He co-founded the Association of Car Importers in 1993 and has served as Executive Vice President of the Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak Republic since 2018. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Industrial Unions and Transport, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Coordination Center for End-of-Life Vehicles, and Managing Director of Auto Recycling producer responsibility organization. His expertise focuses on technical and environmental vehicle legislation.



**Julia Wörz** is Head of the Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe Division (CESEE) at the Economics Analysis and Research Department of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB). She coordinates OeNB’s macroeconomic and macrofinancial CESEE monitoring and risk assessment activities and manages research activities on CESEE topics, including the OeNB Euro Survey. She is an external lecturer at the University of Innsbruck.

Before joining OeNB, she held positions at The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) and the Vienna-based Institute for Advanced Studies. Julia Wörz holds a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Vienna and received the *venia docendi* from the University of Innsbruck in 2012.