

EBA Open Forum on Digital Transformation

“Working capital at a crossroads: Navigating change, complexity and opportunity while defining a strategy for the future”

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Speaker biographies



André Casterman, Casterman Advisory

André Casterman is a globally recognised leader in trade finance, digital assets, and tokenomics, advising technology firms, financial institutions, and traders on tech-driven solutions. With over three decades of experience, André drives adoption of digital negotiable instruments, web3 technologies, and tokenisation technologies, helping clients navigate the evolving landscape of blockchain-based finance.

As a board member of the International Trade and Forfeiting Association, André chairs its influential Fintech Committee, guiding banks and institutions in adopting digital assets and attracting institutional investment to trade finance. In 2019, he founded the MLETR-focused DNI Initiative to advance digital negotiable instruments using web3 technologies, and the TFD Initiative to bridge trade with capital markets and real-world asset tokenisation technologies.

More recently, he launched the Financial Crime Compliance Initiative (FCCi), enhancing compliance frameworks for digital finance using verifiable credentials and trust ledgers.



Gunnar Collin, Enigio

Gunnar Collin is a seasoned operations and sales professional with extensive experience across the financial and technology sectors. Over the course of his career he has worked with a wide range of organisations spanning diverse geographies and cultural environments, developing a rare ability to build alignment between parties with very different priorities and ways of working.

The digitalisation of trade finance presents a unique set of challenges and opportunities. It calls for seamless collaboration across borders, alignment among a broad group of parties and stakeholders, adherence to universal legal frameworks and rules, and the adoption of practical, effective technical solutions. Enigio's trace:original solution for electronic documents has made this transformation genuinely feasible, offering the capabilities needed to meet these demands.

This is where Gunnar's full professional focus lies – leveraging his expertise to help organisations navigate the complexities of trade finance digitalisation and to deliver sustainable, forward-looking solutions.



Thomas Egner, Euro Banking Association

Thomas Egner is Secretary General of the Euro Banking Association (EBA). He has been holding this position since 1st May 2016. Thomas has been engaged in transaction banking for over 20 years, most recently at Commerzbank, where he was responsible for defining and developing clearing and settlement strategies, mainly in the sector of mass payments. He was a member of the bank's SEPA Program Management Team and closely involved in the implementation of the Payment Services Directive (PSD) within Commerzbank.

Representing his institution in the European Payments Council and the German banking community in SWIFT and ISO committees, Thomas has helped to shape the European payments landscape over the last 15 years. Thomas also served as a Board member of EBA CLEARING from 2004 to 2015 and contributed to different national payment committees in Germany.



Barış Gökalp, Şişecam UK Plc

Barış Gökalp is Global Head of Treasury at Şişecam, one of the world's leading glass manufacturers. With more than 25 years of international experience in corporate finance and treasury management, he is responsible for the group's global funding, liquidity, financial risk management, and treasury transformation activities.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the treasury profession, Barış was awarded the prestigious Corporate Treasurer of the Year 2025 title at the internationally renowned Adam Smith Awards, one of the highest distinctions in corporate treasury.

He is also the Founding Chairman of the Turkish Association of Corporate Treasurers (T-ACT) and a frequent speaker at leading international treasury and financial industry forums.



Christian Hausherr, Deutsche Bank

Christian Hausherr is the Product Head for structured Trade Finance solutions at Deutsche Bank, bringing to the role over 30 years of experience in Banking, In-house Consulting and Product Management for Cash Management and Supply Chain Finance.

Christian spent his career within Deutsche Bank in various divisions and regions, mostly spanning across Europe and the Transaction Banking business. He holds a diploma in business administration from the University of Bayreuth and has worked in Germany, The Netherlands, Great Britain, Spain, the US, as well as in India and Uganda on Corporate Social Responsibility assignments in the financial and educational sector.

Christian contributed to the Standard Definitions for techniques of Supply Chain Finance and authored the open account section of the Wolfsberg Trade Finance Principles. He also acts as the chair of the Global Supply Chain Finance Forum (<http://supplychainfinanceforum.org/>) and as a technical advisor for the Supply Chain Finance section of the ICC Trade Register.



Sebastian Kupka, Raiffeisen Bank International AG

Sebastian Kupka is a seasoned banking professional with over 15 years of industry experience. For the past ten years, he has served at Raiffeisen Bank International, specializing as a core product expert for working capital solutions.

Uniquely, he originally studied hotel management before transitioning into finance. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from a University of Applied Sciences in Vienna.



Wayne Mills, ETR Digital

Wayne Mills is the former Head of Transaction Banking Solutions for Lloyds Bank and has over 30 years banking experience across multiple regions in both corporate and transaction banking.

After leaving banking in 2022, Wayne founded Atom Advisory to advise clients (corporates, banks and technology firms) on a wide range of topics including strategy, commercialisation, operational frameworks and digitalisation across EMEA, US and APAC. He is also co-founder and investor in ETR Digital, helping businesses to optimise working capital with ETRs Working Capital Notes™.

Combining wide strategic, technical and commercial acumen, Wayne brings particular expertise on open account trade from buyer, seller, funder, insurer and technology perspectives. He is a frequent speaker and moderator at leading events, fora and conferences around the globe.



Jens Noffke, Calculum

Jens Noffke serves as Global Head of Customer and Value Strategy at Calculum Inc., a data-driven fintech that optimizes supply chain payment terms to generate free cash flow.

A 25 year veteran of the pharmaceutical industry, he spent the last nine years at Roche/Genentech, transitioning from Treasury to Procurement to lead global working capital initiatives and direct their international supply chain finance program.



Jan Osenegg, Senior Advisory

Jan Osenegg is a Senior Advisor in the banking and financial services industry, passionate about making technology work for its users.

His in-depth functional and IT-knowledge around Treasury, Cash & Working Capital Management and Trade Finance, coupled with a set of soft skills around leadership and change management helped him in implementing a new payment scheme, revising the payment pricing grid or creating and establishing a sales structure for a fintech, among others.

Through his engagement in the Association of German Treasurers and regular training activities, Jan ensures to stay up to speed on market developments and connected with key players.



Alexander Pawellek, Commerzbank

Alexander Pawellek is Global Head of Product Management Trade Finance at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt. He is responsible for the strategic development of the global product and IT portfolio and drives the end-to-end transformation of Trade Finance through digitalization, innovation, and emerging technologies. In this role, he leads international teams across multiple locations.

Before joining Commerzbank, Alexander spent several years within the Lufthansa Group, including leadership roles in Asset Management and as Head of Supply Chain Finance in Germany and abroad. During this time, he led multiple working capital programs and structured complex asset-based financing solutions.



Kate Pohl, facilitator for the Euro Banking Association

Kate Pohl is a strategic planner, builder as well as a tactical manager. She is passionate about supporting transformation and creating bridges between “old” and “new” technologies through strategic advisory, innovation and coaching.

Kate has 35+ years of experience in commercial banking including transaction services as well as relationship management and risk and compliance. She has held senior positions with local, regional, and global responsibilities with five major international banks: BNY, J.P. Morgan, ABN AMRO, Citi and ING in New York, Frankfurt and Amsterdam.

Kate has worked to build and optimize sales, product, implementation, and services functions. Today she supports financial institutions, fintechs, corporates and start-ups, in their quest to become more effective and efficient in today's fast-paced and agile world. Kate works as a Consultant / Head of Sales Germany for Projective Group and supports the Euro Banking Association as a facilitator for the Open Forum on Digital Transformation.



Tanja Reilly, Ability Hub

Tanja Reilly is the co-founder of Ability Hub GmbH, a central and independent knowledge platform for sustainability and ESG transformation. Previously, she spent over 10 years at EcoVadis building the DACH market and is a recognized expert in sustainable procurement, supply chain management, and corporate transformation.

Alongside her work at Ability Hub, she advises companies and executives on developing and implementing sustainable transformation strategies. As a speaker and workshop facilitator she inspires organizations to turn sustainability challenges into strategic opportunities. Her focus is designing sustainability to be strategically relevant, operationally feasible, and economically impactful.