

Meet the Speakers Financial reporting:

What's ahead for 2025? Focus on investors and analysts oriented project

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Speaker

Saskia Slomp

EFRAG CEO

About Her

Saskia Slomp has been appointed EFRAG CEO from 1 April 2019.

She has been Governance and Admin Director at EFRAG from 1 January 2010 until 31 March 2019. In this role, she supported the various governance bodies of EFRAG and was responsible for the user activities and outreach events, in addition to her responsibilities for human resources.

Until the end of 2009, she was Technical Director at FEE (now Accountancy Europe), one of the founding member organisations of EFRAG. She has been involved in EFRAG since its establishment. Within Accountancy Europe, she was responsible for financial reporting, company law, corporate governance, capital markets, SMEs, sustainability issues and the public sector. In the beginning of her career, she worked with KPMG in The Netherlands.

Saskia is a member of the Dutch NBA.



Speaker

Sadi Podevijn

**CBN-CNC Secretary General,
EFRAG Financial Reporting Board (FRB) member**

About Her

Sadi Podevijn's dedication to advance practices and develop standards in the area of accounting and her commitment to keep abreast of the evolution in this field show throughout her entire career.

After obtaining a Master's degree in Applied Economics she worked for the Department of Accounting, Auditing and Corporate Finance of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Ghent.

After fifteen years, she joined the Belgian Accounting Standards Board (CNC-CBN) in 2008, where she became secretary general in 2010. In this position, that she still holds today, her mission is to supervise and participate in the drafting of recommendations of the CNC-CBN and to prepare proposals for legislative amendments. In this context, she has conducted working groups on technical issues. Her work within the CNC-CBN also includes a European dimension, through the participation in meetings of the Accounting Regulatory Committee (ARC), the European Working Group on Company Law, the Accounting Directive Committee (ADC) and the International Forum of Standard Setters (IFASS). She is also board member of the Belgian Audit Oversight Board.

In addition, she has contributed to several publications on topics such as consolidation, company accounting and more specific technical matters.



Speaker

Nick Anderson

IASB member

About Him

Nick Anderson was appointed as a member of the International Accounting Standards Board in 2017.

Nick's background is in investment management with over 30 years of practical experience, mainly as a buy-side investor during which time he used and supported the development of high-quality financial reporting.

Prior to joining the Board, Nick worked at Janus Henderson, Insight Investment, Schroders and Norwich Union. Nick was a member of the UK Accounting Standards Board from 2007 to 2013 and a founding member of the Corporate Reporting Users' Forum (CRUF).



Speaker

Wolf Klinz

EFRAG FRB Chair

About Him

Wolf Klinz was a Partner with McKinsey & Company in the United Kingdom, Germany and France. Subsequently, he served as a Member of the Executive Board of a Swiss Corporation. After German reunification he joined the Executive Board of Treuhandanstalt, the German Government's agency for privatisation of the former East German industry. He finished his business career as CEO of a large German corporation in 2004 when he decided to go into European politics.

From 2000 to 2004, he held the (honorary) position of President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK) Frankfurt am Main. From 2003 to 2004 he was the Vice-President of Eurochambres in Brussels.



Speaker

Serge Pattyn

**ABAF-BVFA Board member,
EFFAS Commission Financial Reporting**

About Him

Serge Pattyn started his career at KBC Bank as a credit analyst and corporate finance expert. Already then, as a credit analyst, he understood that a user needs to understand the language that the companies are speaking to be able to analyse the accounts. That is how his interest for GAAP and financial reporting got triggered. In the mid-nineties, he joined KBC's newly established Project Finance team, with exposure to international finance.

In 1998 he was offered to join KBC's equity house - KBC Securities - as a sell-side analyst.

Following a short mission with Delta Lloyd Securities, Serge started as an independent financial analyst and corporate finance advisor in 2007.

Serge has always been active in the field of financial analysis, financial management and related domains (such as e.g. company valuation).

He is among others a member of the Belgian Association of Financial Analysts (ABAF/BVFA) and a member of the Commission on Financial Reporting of EFFAS. He is also a much-asked speaker at conferences and seminars on financial analysis, accounting, financial management and valuation. He teaches amongst others for Febelfin Academy ("Accounting and Financial Statements Analysis"), EFFAS/CEFA ("Financial Accounting and Financial Statements Analysis"), Kluwer Opleidingen ("Creditmanagement"), Brugge Business School ("Working capital management") and KMO Campus ("Financial Statements Analysis"). He also writes on bookkeeping, accounting and IFRS for amongst others Kluwer Rechtswetenschappen.

He is a former member of EFRAG TEG and a member of the EFRAG User Panel.



Speaker

Sébastien Harushimana

EFRAG FR TEG Chair

About Him

Sébastien Harushimana has extensive technical expertise gained over 25 years of experience in international accounting, mainly IFRS, US GAAP, IPSAS and other local GAAPs such as Belgian GAAP and UK/Irish GAAP.

Since July 2023 and until his appointment as EFRAG FR TEG Chair, Sébastien was serving as Managing Director for PwC Belgium, leading corporate reporting services for the Capital Markets and Accounting Advisory Services (CMAAS) of PwC and the IFRS technical team of PwC. He has been teaching IFRS as a guest co-lecturer at the University of Liège since 2008. Sébastien is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

From September 2015 to June 2023, after returning from a Senior Technical Manager role at EFRAG, Sébastien served as a Director for PwC Belgium, leading accounting consulting services and advising government institutions, CFOs of various entities, including multinational industrial, manufacturing and financial institutions.

At EFRAG, Sébastien served as a Senior Technical Manager, from January 2014 to August 2015, as part of the Financial Instruments team, focusing primarily on the IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and the IFRS 17 Insurance projects. He successfully completed the work relating to IFRS 9 with an endorsement advice letter sent to the European Commission concluding that the standard was conducive to the European public good.

From March 2006 to December 2013, Sébastien worked as a Senior Manager at PwC Belgium, starting first in the audit department in charge of large US multinationals audits and SOX procedures, then moving to the accounting advisory services in CMAAS department in 2007.

From July 2001 to February 2006, Sébastien worked as a Senior Auditor for Russell Brennan Kean (RBK), in Ireland. He was responsible for the preparation and audit of financial statements under UK/Irish GAAP, the preparation of personal, corporate and capital gains tax computations under Irish taxation law and the preparation of VAT, PAYE (pay as you earn) and capital gains tax returns.

From August 1997 to September 1999, Sébastien worked as a Trainee Accountant for BDO Zambia, responsible for the preparation of financial statements under UK GAAP, variance analysis, and executing audits, due diligence and taxation under the supervision of the Principal Partner.



Speaker

Rasmus Sommer

EFRAG Associate Project Director

About Him

Rasmus Sommer joined EFRAG in 2008. He holds a Ph. D. in Financial Reporting from Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University in Denmark (2001). He has previously been working for the Global Accounting Consulting Services of PwC.