



Agenda and speakers' biographies

Enabling impactful investments via the next EU budget and Next Generation EU: From policy to implementation

03/02/2021 15:00 – 16:30

15:00 **Welcome Address**

Dominique Riquet, Co-Chair of the Sustainable, Long-term Investments & Competitive European Industry Intergroup

15:05 **General remarks**

Estelle Goeger, Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Gentiloni for the Economy

15:15 – 16:10 **Panel discussion: Impact driven EU financial instruments? From policy to implementation**

Moderated by Grégory Claeys, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

Filippo Munisteri, Team Leader - Social Investment, InvestEU implementation Unit, DG Ecfm

Dr Jan Klasen, Director, Federal and European Affairs, KfW

Herald Ruijters, Director, Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport, DG Move

Philippe Citroën, Director General, UNIFE

Gerhard Huemer, Director, Economic & Fiscal Policy, SMEUnited

16:10 – 16:25 **Q&A**

16:25 **Closing remarks**

Dominique Riquet, Co-Chair of the Sustainable, Long-term Investments & Competitive European Industry Intergroup



BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)



Dominique Riquet, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair of the Sustainable, Long-term Investments & Competitive European Industry Intergroup

Dominique Riquet was elected in the European Parliament for the first time in 2009. He was reelected in 2014 and 2019. He served many years as Vice-Chairman of the Transport and Tourism Committee. He was involved in several legislative files on the financing of major infrastructure projects, notably as rapporteur on the "Connecting Europe Facility", a fund aimed to finance major European transport, energy and telecommunications networks. From 2009 to 2014, he was also a member of the Committee on Budgets. In addition to his committee assignments, he founded and chaired the parliamentary intergroup

on long-term investments.

Since the 2019 European elections, Dominique Riquet has been serving as Vice-Chair of the Renew Europe group. He sits in the Transport and Tourism and in the Industry, Research and Energy Committees. Dominique Riquet was also heavily involved in local politics. In 1989 he became deputy to the Mayor of Valenciennes, Jean-Louis Borloo. He was then mayor of the city from 2002 to 2012. He was also a regional councillor from 1992 to 2009 and Vice-President of the Valenciennes Métropole from 2008 to 2014. Dominique Riquet is a surgeon and urologist and a former head of department at the Valenciennes Hospital Centre.



Estelle Goeger, Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Gentiloni for the Economy

Estelle Göger worked in the European Parliament for 11 years as advisor to MEP Pervenche Berès, head of private office of President Martin Schulz and member of the secretariat of the committee on budgets. In this position she assisted the rapporteurs on EFSI I and developed a keen interest in investment policies and financial instruments. Consequently, she joined the Commission in 2017 to work

on EFSI II and InvestEU in DG ECFIN, with a specific focus on legislative negotiations and relations with NPBIs. She joined the cabinet of Paolo Gentiloni, Commissioner for Economy at the beginning of the current Commission's tenure.



Grégory Claeys, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

Grégory Claeys, a French and Spanish citizen, joined Bruegel as a research fellow in February 2014, before being appointed senior fellow in April 2020.

Grégory's research interests include international macroeconomics and finance, central banking and European governance. From 2006 to 2009 Grégory worked as a macroeconomist in the Economic Research Department of the French bank Crédit Agricole. Prior to joining Bruegel, he also conducted research in several capacities, including as a visiting researcher in the Financial Research Department of the Central Bank of Chile in Santiago, and in the Economic Department of the French Embassy in Chicago. Grégory is also an Associate Professor at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers in Paris where he is teaching macroeconomics in the Master of Finance. He previously taught undergraduate macroeconomics at Sciences Po in Paris. He holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute (Florence), an MSc in economics from Paris X University and an MSc in management from HEC (Paris). Grégory is fluent in English, French and Spanish.



Filippo Munisteri – Team Leader - Social Investment, InvestEU implementation Unit, DG Ecfi

Filippo Munisteri is Team Leader - Social Investment, InvestEU implementation Unit, within the DG Ecfi in the European Commission. Filippo has been part of the team coordinating the negotiation of the InvestEU programme, with a special emphasis on the Social Investment and Skills window. Until 2017, he was employed in the Telecom regulation department of DG Cnect, where he dealt with high speed broadband financing and took part in the negotiation of the new Telecom Regulatory Framework.

Prior to joining the European Commission in 2011, he was senior consultant at Deloitte (2007-2011) in the EMEA hub for policy evaluation where he worked on behalf of several international institutions. He also has experience in banking. Filippo holds a master's Degree in economics and Master of Arts in European Economic Affairs from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



Dr Jan Klasen, Director, Federal and European Affairs, KfW

Jan Klasen is First Vice President and Director of KfW's division "Federal and European Affairs" since December 2019. In this function Dr. Klasen is responsible for KfW's public affairs vis-à-vis the relevant ministries as well as the German Bundestag in Berlin as well as for relations to the EU institutions. An experienced banking manager, Mr Klasen joined KfW in 1994. He holds a degree in business administration (B.A.) and a PhD from the University of Cologne, Germany.



Herald Ruijters, Director, "Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport", DG Move

Since 1 February 2017, Mr Ruijters is the Director responsible for Directorate B - Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport in DG Mobility and Transport. Prior to that, he was Head of Unit responsible for the Trans European Network (TEN-T). He assumed the role of Head of Unit in 2009 and has been directly involved in developing the TEN-T Guidelines. He was previously working in the same DG from 2005 to 2009, in order to promote the implementation of TEN-T projects, and for the development of road safety policy, from 1997 to 2005. Before coming to the Commission, he held various positions in The Netherlands related to transport. Mr Ruijters holds degrees from Nijmegen and Amsterdam Universities in both French literature and European Studies and was post-graduated at the Centre Européen Universitaire in Nancy, in European Law, and in Business Studies at the University in Leuven.



Philippe Citroën, Director General, UNIFE

Philippe Citroën joined UNIFE in June 2011. He began his career as Transport Advisor at the French Permanent Representation to the EU in 1986 and then became Member of the Cabinet of the French Transport Minister in 1990. In 1993 he became Manager and Chief of Staff at RATP Paris and joined the SNCF as Strategy Director in 1999. Prior to assuming his position at UNIFE, he served for 8 years as CEO of Systra, one of the world's leading public transport engineering companies. Mr Citroën is a graduate of Paris II University in Public Law, holds a Diploma from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) and also studied at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), where he also lectured

about Rail and Urban Transport. He is married and has three children.



Gerhard Huemer, Director, Economic & Fiscal Policy, SMEUnited

Since 1999, Mr Huemer has been Director for Economic and Fiscal Policies and Head of the Study Unit at SMEUnited. His main dossiers are macroeconomic dialog and economic policy coordination, state aid policy, tax policy, SME finance and relation to banks, R&D and Innovation policy. Before joining SMEUnited, Mr Huemer was Executive Secretary of the "Economic and Social Council" and of the "subcommittee on International Affairs" of the Austrian Social Partners (1995 – 1999). He holds a diploma in Economics from the University of Linz and began his career in the Economic Policy Department

at the Austrian Economic Chamber (WKO).