

PROGRAMME

Digital Euro: Cash Meets Technology

Friday, 15 December 2023
Grand Hotel Union/White Hall

- 11:30 – 12:00 **Registration and coffee**
- 12:00 – 12:05 **Opening remarks**
Boštjan Vasle, Governor of Banka Slovenije
- Keynote presentation**
- 12:05 – 12:20 **Simon Anko**, Director of the Payment and Settlement Systems at Banka Slovenije
- 12:20 – 14:00 **Panel discussion – The Digital Euro: Cash Meets Technology**
Moderator: **Marko Pahor**, Vice Governor of Banka Slovenije
- Peter Kažimír**, Governor of Národná Banka Slovenska
Madis Müller, Governor of Eesti Pank
Edward Scicluna, Governor of the Central Bank of Malta
Gemidinas Šimkus, Governor of Lietuvos bankas
Boris Vujčić, Governor of Hrvatska narodna banka
Boštjan Vasle, Governor of Banka Slovenije
- Discussion**

Peter Kažimír, Governor of Národná Banka Slovenska



Peter Kažimír is the Governor of Národná Banka Slovenska and Governor of the International Monetary Fund for the Slovak Republic, receiving his appointment in 2019. Mr Kažimír graduated with a master's degree from the University of Economics in Bratislava, Faculty of Commerce. Later on, between 2001 and 2006, Mr Kažimír was a member of the Management Board of DDP Credit Suisse Life and Pensions and in 2006 he was appointed Deputy Finance Minister of the Slovak Republic. In 2012, Mr Kažimír was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic. From 2012 to 2019, as Finance Minister, he worked on combatting tax fraud and evasion, structural reforms, and public spending rationalisation via projects such as the Value for Money spending review. Mr Kažimír was chosen for the 2018 European Finance Minister of the Year Award by the Banker, a British magazine. The award recognises his work and the resulting improvements in the Slovak economy. In 2019, he received the GLOBSEC European Award for his contribution to maintaining euro area stability and unity during the most critical moments of the European debt crisis.

Madis Müller, Governor of Eesti Pank



Madis Müller is the Governor of Eesti Pank and a member of the European Central Bank's Governing Council. Prior to his appointment in 2019, Mr. Müller held the position of a Deputy Governor of Eesti Pank, with his primary responsibilities including issues related to financial stability, payment systems, reserve management, and cash operations. Before joining Eesti Pank in 2011, Mr Müller worked in investment management at the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Washington, DC. He has also held the roles of advisor and senior advisor to the executive director of the Nordic-Baltic constituency at the World Bank, economic advisor to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance of Estonia, and corporate finance consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr Müller holds a Masters in Finance degree from George Washington University and a degree in banking and finance from the Estonian Business School. He is also an FRM (Financial Risk Manager) and a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) charterholder.

Edward Scicluna, Governor of the Central Bank of Malta



Edward Scicluna is the Governor of the Central Bank of Malta and Deputy Chairman of the Malta Financial Services Authority. Before having served as Malta's Minister for Finance (2013-2020), he had served as an MEP and Vice-Chairman of ECON (2008-2013). His previous appointments included that of Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at the University of Malta (UoM), and Chairman of the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development. Prof. Scicluna graduated from the University of Oxford with distinction in politics and economics, from the University of Malta with a First Class Honours BA degree in Economics, and the University of Toronto with a Masters and Doctorate in Economics.

Gediminas Šimkus, Governor of Lietuvos bankas



Gediminas Šimkus is the Chairman of Lietuvos bankas and Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank. Over the 18 years of his work at this institution, he consistently furthered his career, gaining experience in banking supervision, financial stability, analysis and forecasting of global and domestic economic developments, statistical compilation and dissemination, monetary policy formation, and macro-prudential and economic policy decision-making. Two years spent working at the European Central Bank (ECB) contributed even more to his knowledge and experience. As Member of the Board of Lietuvos bankas, he oversaw banking and financial stability, as well as the research department. As the Chairman of the Board of Lietuvos bankas, Mr Šimkus oversees monetary policy, research, as well as organisational management (administration) to the extent that it is implemented by the Strategy and Governance Department and the Internal Audit Division.

Boris Vujčić, Governor of Hrvatska narodna banka



Boris Vujčić is the Governor of Hrvatska narodna banka. He was first appointed in 2012 and was re-appointed for another six-year term of office in 2018. Mr Vujčić has been a Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Vienna Initiative 2.0 since 2016, a member of the General Council of the ECB, and a member of the General Board of the ESRB since 2013. Since 2023, Governor Vujčić has been a member of the Governing Council of the ECB. Mr Vujčić holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Zagreb and has been an associate professor at the Zagreb Faculty of Economics since 2003. At the Zagreb Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics, he has lectured as a visiting professor since 2004. Mr Vujčić's fields of expertise and teaching include macro and monetary economics, international finance and labour economics. He is the author of numerous scholarly papers and articles on economic issues.



Boštjan Vasle, Governor of Banka Slovenije

Boštjan Vasle is the Governor of Banka Slovenije. He was appointed in December 2018, thereby also becoming a member of the Governing Council of the ECB. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana and continued his education at the Central European University in Budapest, where he earned a Master's Degree on monetary policy in 1997. After completing his studies, he joined the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia (RS), where he worked on monitoring and analysing the RS's public debt. In 2000, he moved to the Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development (IMAD), where he was primarily involved in monitoring price formation policy and monetary policy, before becoming Head of the Macroeconomic Analysis and Economic Policy Section. He was appointed as the director of IMAD in December 2007 and led it until the end of 2018. During his term of office, he worked with domestic and international institutions in addressing all the key economic challenges facing the RS, and in undertaking numerous projects in the area of national development policy.