



UPCOMING EVENTS

ECMI MEETING: *Do we need an EU Small Business Listing Act?*

As the financial crisis deployed its harmful effects over European capital markets and real economy, small and medium businesses are losing ground to global competitors. The fact that EU directives apply equally to major listed companies and small or mid-capitalised companies has created a dissuasive listing environment for SMEs. It seems that the EU pool of liquidity is scarcely financing companies that represent the future economy (e.g. start up companies). The event will discuss if the EU should adapt listing requirements in order to favour the listing of SMEs. Speakers to be confirmed. Opening remarks to be made by **Mme Christine Lagarde**, French Minister of Economy, Industry and Employment

This event will be held on **March 18th 2010** from **15:00 to 19:00** at CEPS, 1000 Place du Congrès, Brussels. [Registration](#)

RECENT RESEARCH

ECMI REPORT: *Restoring investor Confidence in European Capital Markets* *By: Final Report of the European Investors' Working Group*

The European Investors' Working Group is an independent non-political investor group composed of members from the retail and institutional investment industry community. With its final report, the Group seeks to offer a missing investor representation before EU institutions, where currently sell-side interests provide more intense input. The report provides a framework of recommendations for the EU regulatory and supervisory agenda from the investor's perspective listed under the six objectives of: Investor Protection, Better Transparency, Market Integrity, Market Efficiency, Quality of Supervision and Competitiveness of EU Markets. In total there are 46 recommendations from fiduciary duty in the sale of financial products through to independence for the new pan-European supervisory authorities.

ECMI POLICY BRIEF: *Comparing EU and US Responses to the Financial Crisis* *By: Karel Lannoo*

In the aftermath of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, European and American regulators are drafting new rules for derivatives instruments traded over-the-counter. This set of reforms will radically change the modus operandi of the biggest financial market, which to date has largely been unregulated. Current proposals at EU and US level are trying to push derivatives towards centralized solutions, questioning the future prospects for trading and clearing & settlement platforms. The strong pressure also for standardization and transparency shows the trade-off with customization and liquidity, which can be source of instability in the long run. The report will discuss this debate. [Download Policy Brief](#)

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ECMI SURVEY: MiFID Real Implementation

By: Bashir Assi and Diego Valiante

After two years of MiFID implementation, ECMI has presented preliminary results of a survey on the 'real' implementation of this Directive across Member States. Results have showed important developments in different areas, such as best execution, market transparency, fragmentation and business conduct rules. ECMI surveyed 87 institutions divided in: financial authorities, regulated markets, multilateral trading facilities, data vendors and investment firms. [**Download presentation of preliminary results**](#)

ECMI POLICY BRIEF: Shaping New Reforms and Business Models for OTC Derivatives: Quo Vadis?

By: Diego Valiante

As the worst of the recent financial storm is behind us, regulators are setting new strategies to deal with its systemic importance, especially for financial and non-financial businesses, even though this market was not the spark that set off the chain reaction in financial markets. Risks, however, are diversified and may affect several stages along the value chain of a typical transaction, as well as weaken the economic and legal reasons behind their widespread use. Standardisation, centralisation of clearing and transparency through increasing use of data repositories are only some aspects that we are going to deepen, in order to understand the feasibility of forthcoming reforms. regulators should aim at finding the right balance between the constraints set by a regulatory intervention and the freedom of market forces to lead markets - if wisely guided - towards efficiency and to design customised products for specific needs and risks, in order to boost economic growth and prosperity for the entire society.

RECENT EVENTS

ECMI MEETING: RESTORING INVESTOR'S CONFIDENCE IN EUROPEAN CAPITAL MARKETS

The financial crisis has had a severe impact on European financial markets. Institutional and retail investors have suffered losses and, most notably, a diffused loss of confidence in the efficient functioning of the market. In its attempt to set out steps to restore investor confidence in European capital markets, the European Investors' Working Group officially launched its final report in Brussels. Prestigious panelists discussed issues and recommendations drafted by the Group in response to the wave of reforms that are going to reshape European capital markets.

Speakers:

Sven Giegold, MEP, Rapporteur on the European Securities and Markets Authority

Charles Cronin, Head, EMEA, CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity

Fabrice Demarigny, Global Head of Capital Markets Activities, Mazars Group

Moderator: **Karel Lannoo**, Secretary General ECMI and CEO, CEPS

This event was held on **February 23rd 2010** from **12:30-14:30** at CEPS, 1000 Place du Congrès, Brussels.

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ECMI HOSTS CONFERENCE AT LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP:



Jeremy Grant, Brian Scott-Quinn, David Wright, Bruce Hamilton, Carlo Comporti

On February 1st, the European Capital Markets Institute jointly with the London Stock Exchange Group held a one day conference on “MiFID & EU Markets: What is Next?” at the exchange headquarter in London. Xavier Rolet, CEO LSE Group, introduced the conference remarking the role of post-MiFID equity markets in attracting liquidity. The interoperability seems even more a chimera in current fragmented markets, even for simple products. David Wright, Deputy Director General, European Commission confirmed that the MiFID review will only look to some specific aspects, while markets need to be revived. Carlo Comporti, Secretary General of the Committee of European Securities Regulators, pointed out the necessity to face two issues: transparency and fragmentation. Alasdair Haynes, new CEO of Chi-X, highlighted the importance for competition of having a European consolidated best bid and offer solution. Finally, the third and fourth panel dealt with the missing implementation of best execution and the latest developments in the post-trading market and infrastructure. Other relevant speakers were David Lawton, Head Market Policy, FSA, Jean Baptiste de Franssu, CEO Invesco, Claudio Salini, Head of Financial Markets Division, CONSOB, Richard Balarkas, CEO Instinet Europe, Diana Chan, CEO EuroCCP, Klaus Loeber, Head Oversight Division, ECB and Fabrice Demarigny, Global Head of Capital Markets Division, Mazars. [Conference Information](#)

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