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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES- *by order of appearance*



Sharon Machado, head of Business Reporting, ACCA

Sharon, the Portfolio Head of Business Reporting, is the author of the series [Professional Accountants changing Business for the Planet](#). Sharon holistically represents ACCA's business reporting view, which within the series relates to how professional accountants and auditors can incorporate better natural capital management within their role purpose. Sharon and her team generate future looking thought leadership research and shape policy for the accountancy profession.

This business reporting capability extends to corporate both financial and non-financial reporting, audit and assurance, tax and business law. Sharon has developed a passion for education, which she regularly shares in her outputs and engagements.

Delia Mehedintu, Policy Officer, DG FISMA unit C.1 Corporate reporting, audit and credit rating agencies, DG FISMA, European Commission

Following a previous experience in external and internal audit in both the private and public sectors, I am currently working as policy officer for the audit area in DG FISMA's relevant unit. Main tasks involve policy-making and managing legislation on audit and assurance of company reports. To this end, I engage with a broad range of European, national and international regulatory and standard-setting organisations as well as stakeholder groups.



Lara Wolters, MEP

Lara Wolters is a Dutch member of the European Parliament for the S&D Group. She is a member of the CONT committee, in which she strives for a transparent and fraud-free Europe, and a member of the JURI committee, where she fights for responsible business conduct. She is currently the JURI rapporteur for new EU legislation on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability. This legislation will set binding requirements for enterprises to respect people and planet in their value chains.



Pascale Vandebussche, Secretary General, ECIIA

Pascale Vandebussche is ECIIA Secretary General since 2011. She was Director at Accenture for the Finance and Performance Management Product Line. She has more than 15 years experience in financial functions in various industrial companies (Sicpa Group, Diamant Board,..). She started as an External Auditor at KPMG.



Pauline Irwin, EER Task Force Lead, IAASB

Pauline Irwin has led the IAASB's Extended External Reporting (EER) Assurance project - seconded from PwC's Assurance Risk and Quality team. She is a South African qualified Chartered Accountant who held senior management positions in industry in South Africa before moving to the UK and returning to the profession in 1997. Pauline has a strong background in financial statement audits, and extensive experience in developing assurance methodologies and training on a wide range of non-financial reporting frameworks and topics. Her focus is on regulatory and standard-setting developments, with particular interest in the convergence of financial and non-financial reporting, and the assurance of climate-related and biodiversity financial risks and impacts.



Mario Abela, Director, Redefining Value, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Observer to the IAASB EER Task Force

Mario Abela is a Director, Redefining Value at WBCSD where he leads projects aimed at transforming performance management, governance and assurance to make sustainability an integral part of mainstream business and investor decision-making. Mario is a CPA and Chartered Management Accountant, his expertise are in corporate reporting and he has held senior management positions in both the private and public sectors in Australia, Belgium, the United Kingdom and the US. He has extensive regulatory and standard setting experience. Mario is a visiting professor at IESEG School of Management in Paris where he teaches in the Masters in Accounting, Audit and Control program.



Massimiliano Turconi, Head of Group Internal Audit, Ferrero International

Massimiliano Turconi is Head of Group Internal Audit at Ferrero International. He is also AIIA Board member and ECIIA Board member. He started his career as External auditor at Arthur Andersen and joined the Heineken Group where he hold various functions (Internal Audit and Change Management)



Sebastian Dingel, Sustainability Assurance leader, Deloitte Germany

Sebastian is an expert in auditing internal controls and IT systems with a focus on integrated reporting and assurance of non-financial reporting for more than decade. Sebastian is heading Deloitte Germany's Sustainability Assurance Center of Excellence driving data & controls based governance and audit models including Green Bond Assurance as well as EU Taxonomy reporting.



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Victor Van Hoorn, Executive Director, Eurosif

Victor van Hoorn is the Executive Director of Eurosif, the European Sustainable Investment Forum, the leading pan European Sustainable and Responsible Investment association advocating for a more sustainable financial system. It works as a partnership of European national Sustainable Investment Forums (SIFs). SIF members include institutional investors, asset managers, index providers and ESG research and analysis firms totaling over €8 trillion of assets under management, as well as other stakeholders such as NGOs, trade unions, think-tanks and philanthropic foundations. Eurosif is also a founding member of the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance, the alliance of the largest SIFs around the world. Prior to Eurosif, Victor was Head of Financial Services at Hume Brophy, a leading EU public affairs consultancy, advising asset managers and asset owners on their engagement with EU policymakers. In that role he closely followed the EU sustainable finance since its inception. Victor is an attorney-at-law admitted to the New York and Amsterdam bar. He holds the French and Dutch citizenship.



Julien Rivals, Vice-Chair of AccountancyEurope's sustainability Working Group and Deloitte France Sustainability Practice Co-Lead

Julien is a chartered accountant and has spent his entire career since 2001 providing Sustainability audit and advisory services, especially regarding ESG strategy, reporting and impact measurement. He co-leads the Sustainability services at Deloitte France, with a team of more than 120 dedicated professionals, and co-leads the Deloitte Global Integrated Reporting and Sustainable Finance initiatives. He is member of the Sustainability working group at the French Statutory Auditor Institute (CNCC) and vice-chair of the Sustainability Policy Group at Accountancy Europe.