Informal meeting of the EU Economy and Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors

18-19 September 2026, Dublin

Annotated Agenda

Friday 18 September

12:15 – 14:00 **Minister's working lunch: Competitiveness in the European Banking Sector – where are we?**

The Commission will present its Communication on the Competitiveness of the Banking Sector and the Single Market in Banking to Ministers, which will be followed by an exchange of views. This session will provide an opportunity to engage with the Commission's report on a political level, to assess the overall state of play in the banking sector, and to scope out political priorities ahead of the upcoming banking package.

Background materials: Presidency issues note, Communication on the Competitiveness of the Banking Sector[1]

14:15 – 17:15 **Working Session I: The Future of Global Capital – Innovation in the Financial Sector**

Ministers and Central Bank Governors will exchange views on the future of financial innovation in Europe, based on presentations from Patrick Collison, CEO of Stripe, and Pablo Hernández de Cos, General Manager of the Bank for International Settlements.

Background materials: Presidency issues note & Bank for International Settlements discussion paper

[1] https://finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/commission-outlines-measures-strengthen-europes-banking-sector-and-support-growth_en

Saturday 19 September

09:30 – 12:30 **Working Session II: Future-proofing the Economy – the Impact of AI**

Ministers will exchange views on the impact of AI on European economies and societies, based on a presentation by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva. This will include a number of thematic discussions which will take place in breakout groups, with a wider dialogue to follow amongst all participants.

Background materials: Presidency issues note & IMF discussion paper