

## AECM Annual Event 2024

Hotel Sofitel Victoria Warsaw, Królewska 11 Street, Warsaw  
6 to 8 June 2024 (Thursday – Saturday)

# The Twin Transition: Towards a Green and Digital Economy

*English and French interpretation*

### Day 1, Thursday, 6 June 2024

Thursday, 6 June 2024	08h45 – 09h15	<b>Registration</b>	
	09h15 - 09h45	<b>PRIVATE SESSION OF AECM</b> <i>(AECM members only)</i>	<b>Board of Directors meeting (part 1)</b>
	09h45 - 10h00		Networking break
	10h00 - 11h30		<b>Meeting of the internal ordinary General Assembly – i. a. election of the Board of Directors</b>
	11h30 - 11h45		Networking break
	11h45 - 12h30		<b>Board of Directors meeting (part 2) - constitutive meeting – i. a. election of the President of AECM</b>
	12h30 – 14h00		Lunch

14:00 – 18:00

**Public session of the General Assembly (*open to everyone, EN + FR interpretation*)**

Thursday, 6 June 2024	14h00 – 14h30	<b>PUBLIC SESSION OF AECM</b> <i>(open to the public, no fee charged)</i>	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mirosław Czekaj</b>, President of the Management Board, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK), Poland</li> <li>▪ <b>NN</b>, President of AECM (TBD)</li> <li>▪ <b>Andrzej Domański</b>, Minister of Finance, Poland (TBC)</li> <li>▪ <b>Tadeusz Białek</b>, President, Polish Bank Association (ZBP)</li> </ul>
	14h30 – 14h45		<b>Introductory Speech – <a href="#">Supporting SMEs: from the current to the next European Commission</a></b> <b>Merete Clausen</b> , Director Investment, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission

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	14h45 – 15h00	<b>Introductory speech</b> <b>Ingrid Buffolo</b> , Director of the Customer Department, The European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
	15h00 – 16h00	<b>Panel 1: <a href="#">Financial ecosystems and key crosscutting issues for SMEs</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Moderator: Gerhard Huemer</b>, Director Economic Policy, SMEunited</li> <li>▪ <b>Milena Angelova</b>, Member at European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and SME Envoy, Bulgaria</li> <li>▪ <b>Sébastien de Brouwer</b>, Deputy CEO, European Banking Federation (EBF)</li> <li>▪ <b>Simona Grobelnik</b>, Head of Department, Department for Strategic Development and Legal Affairs, Slovene Enterprise Fund (SEF), Slovenia</li> </ul>
	16h00 – 16h30	Networking break
	16h30 – 16h45	<b>Introductory Speech – <a href="#">EU financial instruments – the EIF’s experiences</a></b> <b>Roger Havenith</b> , Deputy Chief Executive, European Investment Fund (EIF)
	16h45 – 18h00	<b>Panel 2: <a href="#">Implementing InvestEU – lessons learnt</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Moderator: Elias Jokinen</b>, EU Finance Manager, Finnvera, Finland</li> <li>▪ <b>Antongiulio Marin</b>, Head of Unit, InvestEU implementation, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), European Commission</li> <li>▪ <b>Koen Dierckx</b>, Head of Unit, Budgetary guarantees and risk analysis, Directorate-General for Budget (DG BUDG), European Commission</li> <li>▪ <b>Astrid Bartels</b>, Head of Unit, Access to Finance, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission</li> <li>▪ <b>Ana Vizcaíno Ochoa</b>, Managing Director, Compañía Española de Reafianzamiento (CERSA), member of CESGAR, Spain</li> </ul>
	18h00	<b>End of the public session</b>
	19h15 – 19h45	<b>Transport services to the venue of the Gala Dinner</b>
	20h00 - 02h00	<b>Gala Dinner, Belvedere Restaurant</b> , Agrykola 1 Street, Warsaw (in the New Orangery in the Royal Łazienki Park)

Day 2, Friday, 7 June 2024 – Annual Seminar on “The Twin Transition: Towards a Green and Digital Economy” (EN + FR interpretation)

<b>Friday, 7 June 2024</b>	08h45 – 9h00	<b>Registration</b>	
	09h00 – 09h15	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Tomasz Robaczyński</b>, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK), Poland</li> <li>▪ <b>Ignacy Niemczycki</b>, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland</li> <li>▪ <b>NN</b>, President of AECM (TBD)</li> </ul>	
	09h15 – 09h30	<b>ANNUAL SEMINAR 2024</b> <i>(open for everyone, seminar fee is charged)</i>	<b>Keynote Speech – Leveraging the opportunities of AI for the benefit of MSMEs</b> <b>Hans Koning</b> , Chief Industry Specialist Digital Finance, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
	09h30 – 10h30		<b>Panel 1: Sustainable development – how can the digital and green transition be combined?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Moderator: Przemysław Kulik</b>, Director of CSR and Sustainability Reporting Office, BGK</li> <li>▪ <b>Andrea Bomhoff</b>, Head of Unit, State aid – Financial institutions I, Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP), European Commission</li> <li>▪ <b>Nikolaos Tritaris</b>, Senior Advisor Green Gateway and Climate and Urban Finance Advisory, European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>▪ <b>Marek Szczepancki</b>, Director, Ecological Programmes Department, Bank Ochrony Środowiska, Poland</li> </ul>
	10h30 – 10h40		<b>Keynote Speech – Navigating the Path to Growth &amp; Sustainability for SMEs</b> <b>Ismini Papakirillou</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Hellenic Development Bank (HDB), Greece
	10h40 – 11h10		Networking break
	11h10 – 11h20		<b>Keynote Speech – The twin transition (digital and green) within the SMEs</b> <b>Mateusz Walewski</b> , Director of Research and Analysis Department, BGK
	11h20 – 11h30		<b>Keynote Speech – A Green and Digital Transition for SMEs</b> <b>Jun Young Park</b> , Vice President, Korea Federation of Credit Guarantee Foundations (KOREG), Korea
11h30 – 12h30	<b>Panel 2: Digitalisation: from global to company level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Moderator: José Fernando Figueiredo</b>, Special Honorary President of AECM with the special mandate for international relations and Founding President of the Global Network of Guarantee Institutions (GNGI)</li> <li>▪ <b>Lucia Cusmano</b>, Acting Head SMEs and Entrepreneurship Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD</li> <li>▪ <b>Seok Kyun Park</b>, Senior Deputy Director, Global Cooperation Center, Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC / KIBO), Korea</li> <li>▪ <b>Christopher Lauth</b>, CEO and Founder, 99rooms, Germany and Poland and <b>Philip Reibel</b>, Managing Founder of Frontier Kapital, Germany</li> </ul>		

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	12h30 – 13h00	<b>100<sup>th</sup> BGK Anniversary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Video: about BGK</li> <li>- Speech: 100-year history of BGK – <b>Radoslaw Milczarski</b>, BGK’s history promotion expert</li> <li>- Show</li> </ul>
	13h00 – 14h00	<b>Networking lunch</b>
	14h00 – 15h00	<b>Panel 3: <a href="#">Internal control system of the guarantee schemes</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Moderator and introductory speaker: Shane McCullough</b>, Product Development Manager, The Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI), Ireland</li> <li>▪ <b>Konstantinos Makedos</b>, President, TMEDE - the Engineers and Public Works Contractors Fund, Greece</li> <li>▪ <b>Bernd Leidner</b>, CEO of the Afghan Credit Guarantee Foundation (ACGF), Afghanistan and former Managing Partner of LANDT, Germany</li> <li>▪ <b>Vilson Ukaj</b>, Senior Legal Specialist, Kosovo Credit Guarantee Fund (KCGF), Kosovo</li> </ul>
	15h00 – 15h15	<b>Presentation of and invite to the annual event of AECM in 2025 – save the date: 15 to 17 May 2025</b>
	15h15 – 15h25	<b>Concluding remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>NN, President of AECM (TBD)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Tomasz Robaczyński</b>, President of the Management Board, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK), Poland</li> </ul>
	15h25 – 15h30	<b>Group photo and end of seminar</b>
	15h30 – 16h00	Networking break
	16h00 – 17h40	<b>Meeting of the Global Network of Guarantee Institutions (GNGI)</b> <i>(for GNGI members only – NO interpretation provided)</i>

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### Day 3, Saturday, 8 June 2024

<b>Saturday, 8 June 2024</b>	10h00 – 12h00	<b>LEISURE PROGRAMME – Tour Part 1</b> <i>(open for everyone)</i>
	12h00 – 14h00	<b>LEISURE PROGRAMME – Tour Part 2</b> <i>(open for everyone)</i>