

AECM Joint Webinar of the Working Groups on Digitalisation and Communication & Marketing

Artificial Intelligence & Guarantee Institutions: policy and practice

 Wednesday, 15 October 2025 10:00–12:30 CET

 Online – Microsoft Teams

Moderator: Alice Awad, Senior Communication and Events Manager, AECM

This joint webinar of AECM's Working Groups on Digitalisation and Communication & Marketing will explore how Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the regulatory landscape, financial services, and the operations of guarantee institutions. For guarantee institutions, which play a key role in helping SMEs access finance, understanding both the opportunities and the risks of AI is becoming increasingly important. Participants will hear the latest policy insights, a research-based perspective on AI in financial services and SME financing, a concrete case study from aws (Austria), and an input on cybersecurity from ICI Bucharest (the National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics). The session will conclude with a Q&A, offering members the opportunity to exchange views and experiences.

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome & opening

- [Ciprian Alic](#), Chair of the AECM Working Group on Digitalisation; Management Consultant & Head of State Aid Unit, FNGCIMM
- [Ismini Papakirillou](#), Chair, AECM Working Group on Communication & Marketing; CEO, Hellenic Development Bank

10:15 – 10:30 | Opening address: the AI Act, a European policy perspective

- [Brando Benifei](#), Member of the European Parliament, Co-Rapporteur of the AI Act

10:30 – 10:50 | Academic keynote: AI in financial services and SME financing

- Prof. [Nico Lauridsen](#), Research Associate, Florence School of Banking and Finance at the European University Institute (EUI); Scientific Coordinator, EU Supervisory Digital Finance Academy; Member, Expert Group on the Use of Data in Insurance, EIOPA

10:50 – 11:10 | AI in credit guarantee schemes: the aws experience

- [Jürgen Bader](#), Chief Information Officer, Organisation and Information Technology, aws (Austria)

11:10 – 11:30 | AI and cybersecurity: research and institutional perspectives from ICI Bucharest

- Carmen Elena Cîrnu, Scientific Director, National Institute for Research & Development in Informatics, ICI Bucharest (Romania)

11:30 | Q&A

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