

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	Registration	
	09h15 - 09h45	PRIVATE SESSION OF AECM <i>(AECM members only)</i>	Board of Directors meeting (part 1)
	09h45 - 10h00		Networking break
	10h00 - 11h30		Meeting of the internal ordinary General Assembly – i. a. election of the Board of Directors
	11h30 - 11h45		Networking break
	11h45 - 12h30		Board of Directors meeting (part 2) - constitutive meeting – i. a. election of the President of AECM
	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	PUBLIC SESSION OF AECM <i>(open to the public, no fee charged)</i>	Welcome & Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mirosław Czekaj, President of the Management Board, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK), Poland ▪ NN, President of AECM (TBD) ▪ Andrzej Domański, Minister of Finance, Poland (TBC) ▪ Tadeusz Białek, President, Polish Bank Association (ZBP)
	14h30 – 14h45		Introductory Speech – Supporting SMEs: from the current to the next European Commission Merete Clausen , Director Investment, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission

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

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

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

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Day 3, Saturday, 8 June 2024

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