

Debt or equity? That is the question.

SPEAKER PROFILES



26 November 2018 16:00 – 18:00, followed by networking drinks



Jean-Paul Gauzès

In July 2016, Jean-Paul Gauzès became the EFRAG Board President. He was nominated by the European Commission following a consultation with the Council and the European Parliament.

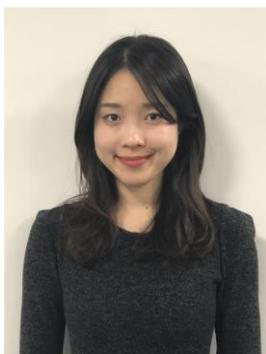
From 2004 till 2014, Jean-Paul Gauzès was a member of the European Parliament. Throughout this period he was a member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON). From 2008 till 2014 Jean-Paul Gauzès was the Coordinator of the European People's Party (EPP) Group in ECON.



Hans Buysse

Hans Buysse is a partner of Syncap Belgium, based in Brussels. SynCap Belgium is the Belgian Partner Firm of Clairfield International, a worldwide corporate finance firm that provides advisory services, mainly in cross-border mergers and acquisitions, to both international corporations and family-owned enterprises across an array of industries.

Hans is Chairman of the Belgian Association of Financial Analysts. He is EFFAS Executive Management Committee member and Treasurer and XBRL Europe Executive Committee member. He is also member of the ESMA Corporate Reporting Standing Committee's Consultative Working Group. Hans was nominated EFRAG Board member as of November 2014 onwards.



Uni Choi

Uni is a technical staff at the International Accounting Standards Board and is the project lead for the FICE project. Before joining the IASB, she was a Senior Manager at KPMG London Accounting Advisory.



Fred Nieto

Fred joined the IASB in June 2013, and as of June 2016 is the Head of Investor Engagement. This role involves leading investor engagement activities, both maximizing the possibilities afforded by investor participation in the development of IFRS standards and acting as an advocate for investors' views internally. His previous role at the IASB was as the Investor Education Manager.

Prior to joining the IASB, Fred worked as an equity research analyst in London on the sell-side and on the buy-side. His experience includes having covered the European Insurance sector at UBS Investment Bank and Execution Limited, and having covered the global financial sector at a long/short equity hedge fund. Fred earned an MSc in International Accounting & Finance from the London School of Economics and is a holder of the CFA designation.



Andrew Watchman

Andrew Watchman joined EFRAG as CEO and TEG Chairman in April 2016.

Prior to joining EFRAG Andrew Watchman was the Global Head of IFRS for Grant Thornton, leading a team supporting the application of IFRS across the international network and chairing the firm's global IFRS expert group. Responsibilities included consulting on technical issues, developing publications, delivering training and responding to IASB proposals. Between July 2013 and joining EFRAG he also served as a member of the IFRS Interpretations Committee.

Prior to joining Grant Thornton Andrew served as Accountancy Adviser to the UK's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), providing expert advice on public policy in financial reporting and the transition to IFRSs in the UK. Prior to that Andrew Watchman spent fourteen years in the audit practice of an international accounting firm, up to partner level.



Patricia McBride

Patricia McBride joined EFRAG in April 2014 as Technical Director.

Although she is a UK citizen, she has spent most of her career working in Asia-Oceania. She is well known in the international IFRS arena for her technical roles supporting the standard setters in Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. Part of her career was spent in academia and in her earlier days she was Chief Accountant of a subsidiary of a large German corporate for eight years. She has written for textbooks, academic journals and newspapers and has extensive experience explaining technical accounting issues to non-accountants.



Elisa Belgacem

Elisa is Credit strategist within Credit Agricole CIB research team in charge of the quantitative research initiative on the European credit market. She has a strong focus on subordinated bonds, both financial and non-financials. Prior to this role Elisa held an equity strategist position at Cheuvreux.



Barbara Cohen

Barbara Cohen has been leading the European Credit Research team since 2007. She is also responsible for research activities involving the European Construction, and Aerospace sectors.

Prior to this Barbara was Deputy Head of the Fixed Income Research team for BNPP AM, a position held since 2002. Before joining the Group, she worked as a sell-side equity analyst in Natexis (1999-2002). From 1998 to 1999, she was a senior analyst in the corporate division of Natexis, following 8 years of portfolio management on private markets for Natexis Private Equity.

Between 2013 and 2017 she was board member of the French Society of Financial Analysts (SFAF). She heads the Credit Commission at the SFAF. Barbara teaches Financial analysis and Credit Analysis at the SFAF and at EDHEC Business School.

Barbara holds a Master's degree in Banking & Finance from the University of Paris-Dauphine (1991).



Selim Gogus

Selim Gogus is an equity analyst within the Credit Suisse HOLT team, based in London.

His primary role is to advise institutional investors on key accounting, tax and valuation issues as part of their investment process. Prior to that position, he was at PwC for 5 years in their audit and transaction services teams.

Selim is currently a member of EFRAG Pension Plans Advisory Panel, providing expert advice from a user's perspective. He is also a member of the Corporate Reporting User Forum (CRUF). Selim holds an honors degree in International Business from the University of Warwick. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) in 2010.



Serge Pattyn

Serge Pattyn started his career at KBC Bank as a Credit Analyst and Corporate Finance expert. In the mid-nineties, he joined KBC's newly established Project Finance team, with exposure to international finance. In 1998 he was offered to join KBC's equity house - KBC Securities - as a Sell-side Analyst.

Following a short mission with Delta Lloyd Securities. Serge started as an independent Financial Consultant in 2007.

He is among others a member of the Belgian Association of Financial Analysts (ABAF/BVFA) and member of the Accounting Commission of EFFAS. He is also a much-asked speaker at conferences and seminars on financial analysis, accounting and financial management. He teaches amongst others for the ABAF/BVFA ("Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis"), Kluwer Opleidingen ("Credit Management"), KHBO ("Working Capital management") and KMO Campus ("Professional Credit Application" and "Balance Sheet Analysis"). He also writes on bookkeeping, accounting and IFRS, for Kluwer Rechtswetenschappen and Teleseminar among others.