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Franco-German Fiscal Policy Seminar 2025

Investing in Europe's future

2-3 December 2025, Paris

The European Union is at a critical juncture. To achieve sustainable, inclusive, and resilient growth amid multiple crises and structural shifts, Europe must prioritize investment, public and private, to secure long-term prosperity. The Draghi report highlights the scale of the investment gap in areas such as climate and digital transition, defense, and innovation. Meeting these challenges requires strategically mobilizing resources, channeling private capital into key priorities, and ensuring fiscal sustainability within a supportive regulatory and financial framework.

Programme

Tuesday, December 2nd

12:30 Registration

13:00 Light Lunch Reception

14:00 **Welcome Address**
Dorothée Rouzet (Chief Economist, French Treasury)
Armin Steinbach (Chief Economist, German Federal Ministry of Finance)

14:15 **Session 1 – Europe in a Changing Global Economy**

Identifying European's trade dependencies
Authors: **Pierre Rousseaux** (CREST), Isabelle Méjean (Sciences Po)
Discussant: **Lorenzo Forni** (University of Padua)

The Low-Hanging Fruit of the Single European Market: New methods and measures
Authors: **Lionel Fontagné** (PSE, i-MIP), Yoto V. Yotov (Drexel University)
Discussant: **Juan Carluccio** (Banque de France)

Persistent Global Growth Differences and Euro Area Adjustment: Real Activity, Trade and the Real Exchange Rate
Authors: **Robert Kollmann** (Université libre de Bruxelles, CEPR), Adrian Ifrim (European Commission), **Philipp Pfeiffer** (European Commission), Marco Ratto (European Commission), Werner Roeger (DIW-Berlin)
Discussant: **Lorenzo Forni** (University of Padua)

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 **Keynote Lecture by Antonin Bergeaud** (HEC Paris)
What future for European Productivity?

17:30 **Session 2 – Fiscal and Financial Dynamics**

Output, Prices and Public Debt under the New German Fiscal Consensus
Authors: **Christopher Zuber** (German Council of Economic Experts), Christian Ochsner (German Council of Economic Experts)
Discussants: **Philipp Pfeiffer** (European Commission) and **Yann Perdereau** (PSE)

Uncertainty, Bank Ownership, and Deposit Dynamics in the German Banking System
Authors: **Philipp Roderweis** (University Sorbonne Paris Nord), **Nicolas Himounet** (University Le Havre Normandie)
Discussant: **Morteza Ghomi** (Bank of Spain)

18:40 **Closing remarks**
Armin Steinbach (Chief Economist, German Federal Ministry of Finance)

19:00 **Cocktail Dinner**, hosted at the French Ministry of Finance

Wednesday, December 3rd

8:00 Registration

8:30 Coffee

8:55 **Opening Remarks**
Dorothée Rouzet (Chief Economist, French Treasury)

9:00 **Session 3 – Financing Europe's Future: Public Leverage and Private Capital**

The Public Origins of American Innovation
Authors: **Paolo Surico** (London Business School, CEPR), Andrea Gazzani (Bank of Italy), Joseba Martinez (London Business School), Filippo Natoli (Bank of Italy)
Discussant: **Livia Chiţu** (European Central Bank)

Cross-regional Venture Capital Flows in Europe
Authors: **Giuseppina Testa** (University of Foggia), Pierfederico Asdrubali (John Cabot University)
Discussant: **Nicolas Himounet** (University Le Havre Normandie)

External finance Premium: Market Finance versus Bank Finance
Authors: **Livia Chiţu** (European Central Bank), Sofia Gori (European Central Bank), Refet S. Gürkaynak (Bilkent University, CEPR and EABCN)
Discussant: **Julian Stein** (Institute for Monetary and Financial Stability)

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 **Policy Panel – Private Capital for Public Goals: Aligning Finance with Europe's Strategic Needs**
Moderator: **Armin Steinbach** (Chief Economist, German Federal Ministry of Finance)
Panelists: **Guntram Wolff** (Université libre de Bruxelles, Bruegel), **Natacha Valla** (Sciences Po), **Nicolas Véron** (Bruegel, PIIE)

12:00 **Session 4 – Institutions, Trust, and the Effectiveness of Public Policy**

Luxuary for all: a theory of in-kind benefits and inequality
Authors: **Charles Labrousse** (PSE), **Yann Perdereau** (PSE)
Discussant: **Daan de Leeuw** (De Nederlandsche Bank)

Populism, institutional Trust and Monetary Policy: a firm level analysis
Author: **Nora Lamersdorf** (BI Norwegian Business School)
Discussant: **Daan de Leeuw** (De Nederlandsche Bank)

13:10 **Closing remarks and best paper award**
Armin Steinbach (Chief Economist, German Federal Ministry of Finance)
Dorothée Rouzet (Chief Economist, French Treasury)

13:30 **Lunch Reception,** at the French Ministry of Finance

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Procedure Presentation of 35 minutes per paper, including 10 minutes of open discussion
Venue **French Ministry of Finance, 139 rue de Bercy, 75012 Paris**

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