



## Speaker Bio



### **Marko Pahor, Ph.D., Vice Governor**

*Banka Slovenije*

*Marko Pahor is a member of the board of Banka Slovenije – Vice Governor, responsible for the areas of payments and settlements, resolution, risk management and financial statistics. He is also a member of the High Level Task Force for digital Euro and member of the Single Resolution Board committee.*

*Before joining the central bank he worked in academia, his last position was full professor for statistics at the University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business. His research spans a wide range of applied data analytics and statistics, finance and economics.*



### **Simon Anko, Director of the Payment and Settlement System Dept.**

*Banka Slovenije*

*Simon Anko is the director of the Payment and Settlement System Department of the Bank of Slovenia, responsible for the daily operation of national components of the Eurosystem market infrastructures, oversight of the financial market infrastructures, supervision of payment services providers and for the strategic development in the field of payments, including the Digital Euro.*

*He is also the Chair of the National Payments Committee and a member of the Market Infrastructure and Payments Committee at the ECB.*



### **Marko Grobelnik, Expert Researcher**

*Institut Jožef Stefan*

*Marko Grobelnik is an expert researcher in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Focused areas of expertise are Machine Learning, Data/Text/Web Mining, Network Analysis, Semantic Technologies, Deep Text Understanding, and Data Visualization. Marko co-leads the Department for Artificial Intelligence at Jožef Stefan Institute, co-founded UNESCO International Research Center on AI (IRCAI), and is the CEO of Quintelligence.com specialized in solving complex AI tasks for the commercial world.*

*He collaborates with major European academic institutions and major industries such as Bloomberg, British Telecom, European Commission, Microsoft Research and New York Times. He is co-author of several books, co-founder of several start-ups and is/was involved into over 50 EU funded research projects in various fields of Artificial Intelligence. He represents Slovenia in OECD AI Committee (AIONE) and in Council of Europe Committee on AI (CAHAI). In 2016 he became Digital Champion of Slovenia at European Commission.*



### **Kim Winding Larsen, President**

*ACI FMA*

*Kim Winding Larsen has been ACI FMA President since September 2019. Kim's career started in 1980 at Danske Bank Group and throughout the following 39 years, he has built a long and prosperous professional path at the bank, where he held several management and senior leadership positions, enlightening that his connection to the financial markets started early on. He left Danske Bank Markets in September 2019 to embrace a new adventure as President of ACI FMA.*

*He has 40+ years of professional affiliations in numerous entities related with financial markets. In 2021, he celebrated 25 years of ACI active collaboration and participation.*



**Stéphane Malrait, Chairman / Head of market structure and innovation for Financial Markets**

*ACI FMA / ING Bank*

*Stéphane Malrait is ACI FMA Chairman since June 2021 and ACI FMA Working Groups and Committees Representative at the Management Board since November 2020. He has been effectively engaged with ACI FMA for more than 15 years, contributing to different projects. Stéphane has also been a member of the ECB FX Contact Group working on the FX Global Code and has co-chaired the GFXC Algo and TCA sub-group looking at the 3-years review of the Code.*

*After fulfilling different leading positions such as FX e-Commerce Business Manager and MD Global Head of FIC e-Commerce in major banks, Stéphane is currently Managing Director and Global Head of market structure and innovation for Financial Markets at ING Bank NV. He works with advocacy groups, policymakers, and regulators to follow the market structure and industry challenges impacting the financial market industry. He is also leading innovation activities in the capital market space within ING and develops external partnerships with Fintech companies.*

**Aleksandar Raić, Vice-President**

*Infobip*



*Aleksandar Raić is the Vice-President of AI Transformation at Infobip, which is a Croatian start up unicorn and a global leader in cloud communication platforms, where AI plays a crucial role. He leads a team of AI experts and oversees the development and integration of AI-driven bots into the market, the enhancement of the company's platform with AI technologies, and the automation of business processes using AI. With a background in computer science engineering, he is deeply committed to implementing AI technology in practical use-cases. Additionally, he is currently pursuing a Ph.D., focusing on contributing theoretical innovations to the field of AI.*

*He started his professional career, more than 20 years long, in Pliva, Croatian leading pharmaceutical company. He spent five years at Teva Europe as Chief Information Officer (CIO) based in the Netherlands and Germany, after which he was responsible for numerous global integrations of merged and acquired companies in the global Teva office in Tel Aviv.*

**Tina Toni, Ph. D., Quant Strategist**

*Morgan Stanley*



*Tina Toni is an Executive Director in Fixed Income Division of Morgan Stanley, where she leads the London Electronic Rates Quantitative Strategist team, responsible for algorithmic systems and models for the European Government Bond and Interest Rate Swaps trading desks. This includes algorithmic client pricing, auto hedging, execution and primary dealer obligations quoting.*

*Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 2014, she was a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Biological Engineering Department in Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Boston, USA) in a research group at the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, and later at Imperial College London (UK) where she worked with Pfizer on mathematical modelling and simulation of complex biological and disease processes. She received a PhD in Bayesian Statistics from Imperial College London (UK), Master's in Mathematics from Warwick University (UK) and an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from University of Ljubljana (Slovenia).*

**Richard McGuire, Head of Rates Strategy**

*Rabobank*



*Richard McGuire is Head of Rates Strategy for Rabobank, a position he holds since December 2010. One key element that arguably differentiates him in this role from his peers is the fact that his strategic ideas are backed by live (not paper) trades. The risk taken when entering these positions is EUR10k per basis point.*

*Prior to Rabobank, he was a Senior Fixed Income Strategist for RBC Capital Markets before which he was a Senior Economist and lead ratings analyst for the CEE region for Dun & Bradstreet, the world's largest business information company. He holds degrees from Merton College Oxford and University College London.*

**Primož Dolenc, Ph.D., Deputy Governor***Banka Slovenije*

*Primož Dolenc graduated from the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, where he also finished his Masters and Ph.D. studies. In 2006 he defended his doctoral thesis on sovereign assets and liabilities management. From 2000 until April 2016 he held several advisory and managerial positions in financial market institutions (state treasury and banks). He was a full professor and researcher at the University of Primorska, responsible for the undergraduate course on banking and finance.*

*He was appointed the Vice Governor and the member of the Governing Board of Banka Slovenije in 2016. From February 2017 onwards he was Deputy Governor. His term as Vice Governor ended in April 2022, and he started a new term as Vice Governor in November 2022. As of April, he was reappointed as Deputy Governor. Currently he is a member of the EBA Board of Supervisors, Supervisory board of the Single Supervisory Mechanism of ECB and a member of the General Board of the ESRB. In Banka Slovenije he is responsible for Financial Stability and Macroprudential Policy, and Microprudential Supervision. From May 2018 until January 2019 he served as the Acting Governor of Banka Slovenije.*

**Nikola Dragašević, Vice Governor***Narodna Banka Srbije*

*Nikola Dragašević has worked with the National Bank of Serbia since that start of his professional career in 2010, performing duties at all levels. He began his career at the FX Market Division, serving as the Head of Division from 2014 until 2017. From 2017 until 2018 he was the General Manager of the Monetary Operations Department. From 2018 he worked as the General Manager of the Monetary and FX Operations Department. He is a member of the working group set up with the aim of enhancing capital market development. In 2022 he was appointed as Vice Governor of the National Bank of Serbia by the National Assembly, for a period of six years.*

*In 2010 he graduated from the Belgrade Faculty of Economics, Department of Finance, Banking and Insurance, as one of the best students in his generation. He completed his Master studies in English in 2012 at the same faculty, having attended the International Master in Quantitative Finance (IMQF) programme and defending a paper themed Common Currency Factors as a Determinant of Serbian Dinar Exchange Rate.*

**Michael Faulend, Ph.D., Vice Governor***Narodna Banka Hrvatska*

*Michael Faulend was born in Zagreb, where he graduated in 1997 from the Faculty of Economics and Business, Analysis Study Program, and in 2002 he received his Master's Degree at the postgraduate studies "International Economy". He got employed in the Croatian National Bank in 1997 in the Research Department. In the period from 2001 to 2003 he was Assistant to the Executive Director of the IMF Dutch Constituency. After returning to the CNB he continued his work in the Research Department as advisor, in 2004 he was appointed Executive Director of the International Affairs Area. He is the author of several scholarly papers on economic issues.*

*Pursuant to the decision of the Croatian Parliament, he was appointed Vice Governor of the Croatian National Bank on 5 July 2013. He was reappointed for his second six-year term of office as Vice Governor on 12 July 2019. He coordinates and manages the International Relations Area.*

**Beata Harasim, Senior Investment Strategist****BlackRock**

*Beata Harasim, is a Senior Investment Strategist and a member of the BlackRock Investment Institute (BII). She is responsible for developing tactical asset allocation frameworks and contributing to related thought leadership. She represents BlackRock's multi-asset views based on the insights of our investment community.*

*Prior to her current role, she worked at BlackRock for nine years, most recently as a global macro portfolio manager with the Diversified Strategies team. She ran a discretionary fundamental investment process, with a primary focus on currencies and fixed income. Prior to that, she worked as a portfolio manager with BlackRock's Global and European Fixed Income teams. She is a CFA and CAIA charter holder. She earned a MA degree in Finance and Banking from the Warsaw School of Economics in 2008 and completed post graduate course in Big Data: Advanced Analytics in 2016.*

**Andrej Ceglar, Ph.D., Climate Scientist****ECB**

*Andrej Ceglar is a climate scientist at the Climate Change Centre of the European Central Bank (ECB). His work is currently focused on assessment of physical and transition risk from climate change and nature degradation. He completed a bachelor study in meteorology at the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics, and holds a Ph.D. in agro-meteorology from the Biotechnical Faculty, both University of Ljubljana.*

*Before joining the ECB, he worked as a scientific officer at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission and assistant professor for climatology at the University of Ljubljana. His research is focused on climate change impact and adaptation assessment, dynamical and statistical climatology and biophysical modelling. He is especially interested in predictability of climate system on seasonal-to-decadal time scales.*