

# FLORENCE SCHOOL OF BANKING AND FINANCE

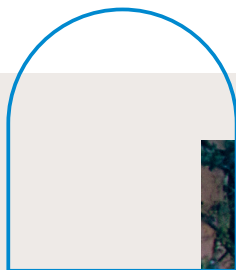
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# ABOUT US

Established in January 2016, the Florence School of Banking & Finance (FBF) was designed as a European platform bringing together practitioners and academics from the banking and finance sector to develop a common culture of regulation and supervision in the European Union.

The School is evolving into a knowledge centre of excellence, rooted in European origins while maintaining a global perspective. It offers policy dialogue and training courses and produces research in banking and finance.



FBF is part of the Robert Schuman Centre (RSC), an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). The EUI is the leading institute in Europe dedicated to social sciences and humanities.



## FBF community



**10+**  
Professors  
(Part-time)



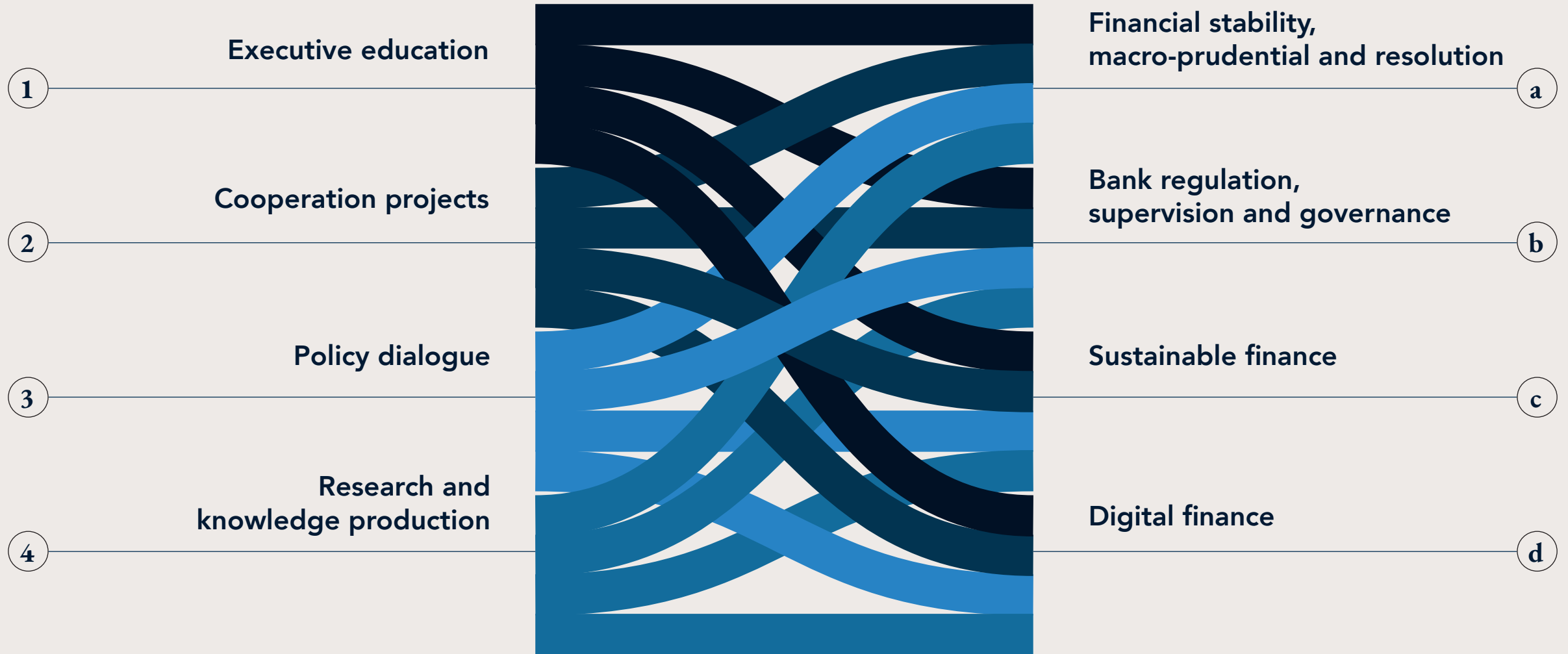
**25+**  
Researchers



**12+**  
Advisory Council  
members



**20+**  
Staff



WHAT WE DO

KEY FOCUS AREAS

# 1. EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Designed by an international faculty of senior academics from the EUI and high-level education institutions, our courses provide a bridge between the latest academic thinking and the world of practice.

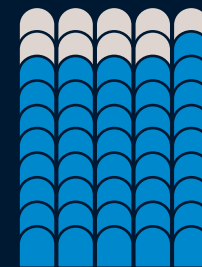
We offer open and tailor-made courses that target professionals at all levels.

**91** nationalities represented in our courses



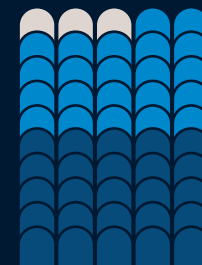
## Key figures 2023

**50** Courses



41  
Tailor-made

9  
Open programme



22  
Residential

25  
Online

3  
Blended (online + residential)

**2.645** participants



## 2. COOPERATION PROJECTS

Embarking on collaborative endeavours, the School partners with leading institutions and organisations for long-term initiatives. These encompass training programmes, fostering knowledge exchange, and supporting policy initiatives.



### EU SUPERVISORY DIGITAL FINANCE ACADEMY

Established in 2022, the **EU Supervisory Digital Finance Academy (EU-SDFA)** is a TSI flagship initiative aimed at supporting supervisory authorities in coping with the risks and opportunities associated with the use of advanced technologies in the financial sector.

The European Commission – DG Reform has established the Academy in cooperation with the three European Supervisory Authorities (EBA – ESMA – EIOPA) and the Florence School of Banking and Finance.

The EU-SDFA encompasses comprehensive training cycles and workshops enabling the acquisition of new expertise and skills, knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer exchanges within the financial supervisory community.

**Duration**  
2022 - 2025



## SSM PARTNERSHIP

Established in 2022, this partnership develops a comprehensive **training programme for all European banking supervisors across the Single Supervisory Mechanism.**

The programme, which will run for at least four years, will train about 6,000 supervisors at the European Central Bank (ECB) and at the National Competent Authorities. This collaboration supports the

Single Supervisory Mechanism in delivering on its priority objectives, increasing the consistency of supervisory approaches, and, thus, becoming a key component to further integrating European banking supervision.

**Duration**  
2022 - 2026



## CENTRAL BANKING AND BANKING SUPERVISION EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Established in 2023, the **Central Banking and Banking Supervision Executive Education Programme (CBBS)** aims to extend the skills and knowledge of central banking and banking supervision experienced professionals within the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM).

The programme is designed and delivered by us, in cooperation with the Florence School of Transnational Governance, and in partnership with the European Central Bank (ECB).

This unique initiative seeks to develop participants' competencies in relation to technical and transversal issues within the world of banking and finance, as well as promote collaboration and knowledge sharing across European borders.

**Duration**  
2023 - 2026



### 3. POLICY DIALOGUE

In close cooperation with the School's extensive networks of leading academic and policy institutions, we organise policy-focused activities ranging from closed-door executive seminars, held under the Chatham House Rule, to public conferences and online seminars. These events have emerged as a vital forum for thought leaders and experts to share insights and discuss the opportunities and challenges of banking and finance.



#### The Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) paradigm and the climate imperative

Annual conference, co-organised with Banca d'Italia (March 2023)

#### "Greenwashing"

Panel organised in cooperation with CEPS Lab in Brussels (March 2023)

#### Diverse and effective boards and committees in a changing and competitive landscape

Co-organised with ECB (April 2023)

#### Finance in the Tuscan Hills

Hybrid seminar series (Ongoing)

## 4. RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION

The School carries out multidisciplinary research, enabling informed decision-making in the medium and long term among experts and stakeholders within the European banking and finance sectors. We achieve this through our publications, reports, journal articles, working papers and blog articles.



### SME financing constraints across Europe

A report for the European Investment Bank (Nov 2022)

### EU-UK financial regulatory cooperation post-Brexit

A report for the European Parliament (May 2023)

### Research support for the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

(2021-2023)

### Reports for the Inter-American Development Bank

Financial sector recovery in Latin America after Covid-19 DFI strategy for the Colombian government (Sept 2023)



# SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

Throughout the years, we have established partnership agreements with the following institutions and international organisations.



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