

# FLORENCE SCHOOL OF BANKING AND FINANCE

Ten years of excellence,  
shaping knowledge for tomorrow

→ 2016 - 2026

# 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.

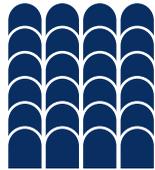
FBF is part of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSC), an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). The EUI is the leading institute in Europe dedicated to social sciences and humanities.



# FBF community



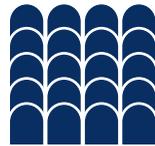
**10+**  
Professors  
(Part-time)



**22+**  
Researchers



**15**  
Advisory Council  
members



**20+**  
Staff



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**Executive education**

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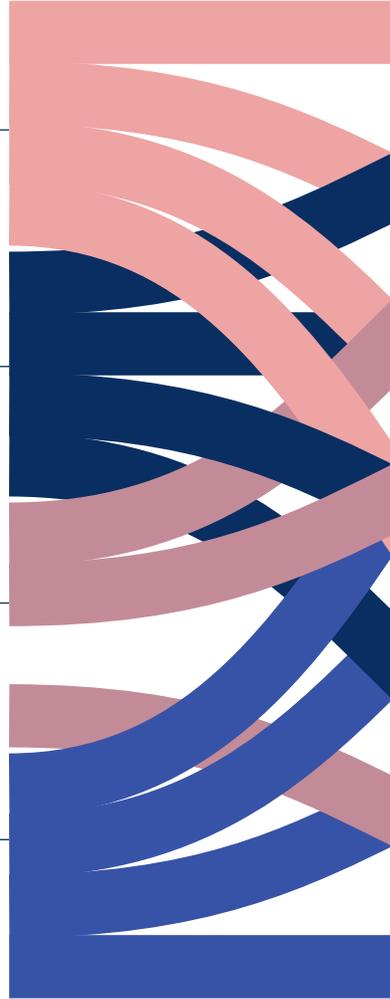
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and initiatives**

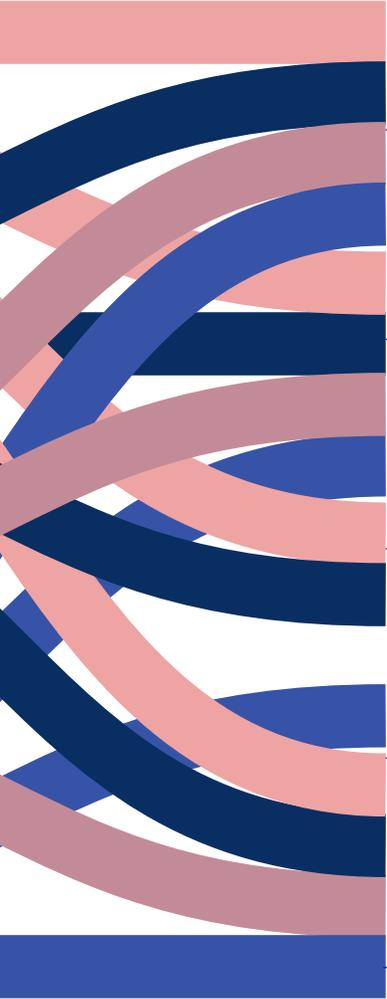
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**Policy dialogue**

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**Research and  
knowledge production**





**Financial stability,  
macro-prudential and resolution**

**a**

**Bank regulation,  
supervision and governance**

**b**

**Sustainable finance**

**c**

**Digital finance**

**d**

**Financial development,  
inclusion and literacy**

**e**

# 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.

**83** nationalities represented in our courses





## Key figures 2025

**46** Courses

**2.400** participants



**33** Tailor-made

**13** Open programme



**19** Residential

**20** Online

**7** Blended (online + residential)



## 2. COOPERATION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

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 Technical Support Instrument (TSI) flagship initiative aimed at supporting financial supervisory authorities in coping with the risks and opportunities associated with the use of advanced technologies in the financial sector.

The European Commission – SG 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 enabling the acquisition of new expertise and skills, knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer exchanges within the financial supervisory community, bringing together 44 National Competent Authorities from across all EU Member States.

Duration | 2022 - 2028



## 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 six years, will train about 7,000 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 - 2028

**SSM TRAINING**  
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## 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 experienced professionals within the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) on key cutting-edge and transversal topics in central banking and banking supervision.

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



## **FINANCIAL LITERACY IN PORTUGAL**

Launched in 2025, this Technical Support Instrument (TSI) project brings together the European Commission's Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM), the Florence School of Banking and Finance at the European University Institute, and the Portuguese National Council of Financial Supervisors — which includes Banco de Portugal, the Insurance and Pension Funds Supervisory Authority (ASF) and the Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVM).

The initiative aims to evaluate and enhance financial literacy programmes across Portugal, supporting the implementation and future development of the Portuguese National Plan for Financial Education (PNFF).

Duration | 2025 - 2027

## **SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS UNION LAB (SIU LAB)**

Launched in 2026, the Savings and Investments Union Lab (SIU Lab) aims to support the development of a more integrated and effective European Savings and Investments Union.

The initiative seeks to contribute to the policy debate on capital mobility barriers in the EU by generating new analytical evidence, illustrating the benefits of deeper market integration, and supporting more effective policy design and implementation.

The Lab will integrate research activities, including work on DLT and tokenisation, as well as the nexus between sustainable finance and capital markets integration, and training activities delivered through a newly established SIU Academy, to strengthen capacity building and policy dialogue at the European level.

Duration | 2026 - 2030

## MONETARY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION

This project aims to develop robust empirical evidence and a conceptual framework on the complementarities between monetary stability, financial stability, and financial inclusion, drawing on in-depth country-level case studies.

Conducted in partnership with the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI), the research will combine quantitative and qualitative methods to assess whether financial inclusion enhances the effectiveness of monetary policy and contributes to financial stability.

Duration | 2025 - 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.



## **Financing growth and innovation in Europe - Economic and policy challenges**



Annual conference, co-organised with Banca d'Italia (March 2025)

## **The EU Savings and Investments Union: opportunities for European savers and European companies**



Annual conference (March 2026)

## **Backing Europe's Future: obstacles and solutions to increase institutional investors' allocation to venture capital**



Online seminar organised in partnership with Oliver Wyman (January 2026)

## **Fourth FSI-FBF/EUI Policy Implementation Meeting on Banking**



Online event organised with the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) (July 2026)

# 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.



## **Digital finance in the EU. Navigating new technological trends and the AI revolution**

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EU Supervisory Digital Finance Academy (EU-SDFA) second ebook (March 2025)

## **Handbook on European Regulation and Supervision of Digital Finance**

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To be published by Oxford University Press (Forthcoming, 2026)

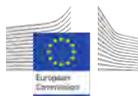
## **How have European banks developed along different dimensions of international competitiveness?**

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Report for the European Parliament (April 2025)

# SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

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



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