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Opening Session	
09:15	**Official Opening: Gabriel Makhlouf,** Governor, Central Bank of Ireland
Session 1: Ireland, Europe and the Geopolitical Environment	
09:30	**Keynote Address: Boris Vujčić,** Vice-President, European Central Bank
09:45	**Fireside discussion** between **Boris Vujčić,** Vice-President, European Central Bank, **Gabriel Makhlouf,** Governor, Central Bank of Ireland and **Vasileios Madouros,** Deputy Governor, Monetary and Financial Stability, Central Bank of Ireland
10:15	**Keynote Address: Frank Feighan,** Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation
10:30	**Break**
11:00	**Panel discussion** chaired by **Vasileios Madouros,** Deputy Governor, Monetary and Financial Stability, Central Bank of Ireland
Panellists	• **Petya Koeva Brooks**, Deputy Director, Research Department, International Monetary Fund • **Signe Krostrup, Governor, Danmarks Nationalbank** • **Danny McCoy**, Irish Business and Employers Confederation (Ibec)
Session 2: Stronger, More Integrated Financial Services: A Key Building Block for a Competitive European Economy	
11:45	**Keynote Address: Maria Luís Albuquerque,** EU Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union
12:00	**Fireside discussion** between **Maria Luís Albuquerque,** EU Commissioner for Financial Services and **Mary-Elizabeth McMunn,** Deputy Governor, Financial Regulation, Central Bank of Ireland

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Session 3: The Digital Euro: Designing Trusted Public Digital Money	
12:30	**Panel discussion** chaired by **Anne Marie McKiernan,** Director of Financial Operations, Central Bank of Ireland
Panellists:	• **Petia Niederländer**, Director for Payments, Risk Management and Financial Literacy, Austrian National Bank • **Avril O'Hehir,** Chief Financial Officer, LIDL Ireland • **Agustín Reyna**, Director General, BEUC, The European Consumer Organisation • **Evelien Witlox**, Director, Digital Euro, European Central Bank
13:30	**Lunch**
Session 4: From Savings to Investment: The Consumer Journey in a Digital World	
14:15	**Panel discussion** chaired by **Simon Sloan,** Director of Strategy and Governance, Central Bank of Ireland
Panellists:	• **Declan Bolger**, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Life Group • **Colleen Dube**, Chief Executive Officer, National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) • **David Malone**, Chief Executive Officer, Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU) • **Aidan Murphy,** Principal Officer, Department of Finance
Session 5: AI: A Transformation for Financial Services and Consumers	
15:00	**Panel discussion** chaired by **Colm Kincaid,** Deputy Governor, Consumer and Investor Protection
Panellists:	• **Scene-setting discussion: Jessica Rusu,** Chief Data Information & Innovation Officer, Financial Conduct Authority, UK • **Tom Duff Gordon,** Vice-president and Head of EMEA policy, Open AI • **Jacky Fox,** Senior Managing Director, Accenture Cyber Security, Global Secure Digital Core Lead, Accenture • **Adrian Whelan,** Global Head of Market Intelligence, Brown Brothers Harriman
15:45	**Closing Remarks: Gabriel Makhlouf**, Governor, Central Bank of Ireland