



EUROPEAN SUPERVISOR EDUCATION INITIATIVE



8th ESE Conference 2026

Simplification vs Deregulation | AI in Supervision

Prague, 20 & 21 May 2026

WELCOME ADDRESS



Feline von Heimburg

Chair of the ESE Programme Council

Dear participants!

As we navigate a world of rapid transformation and increasing uncertainty, we must also be ready to adapt the ways we supervise.

I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming conference, where we will explore two pivotal themes that are shaping the future of financial regulation und supervision.

On Day 1, we will engage in a critical dialogue around "Simplification vs Deregulation." Here, we will examine how simpler and more proportional regulations can provide a solid foundation for effective supervision in the banking sector. Given the complexities often associated with banking regulation, this is an opportunity to learn from the experiences of various countries and institutions to identify what works in practice.

As we transition to Day 2, we will shift our attention to the role of artificial intelligence in supervision and the financial industry. We will delve into how AI brings about changes that extend beyond mere tools and processes. From banking supervision to capital market oversight, AI is poised to reshape the landscape of supervision. Additionally, we will also consider the customer perspective, discussing how AI can enhance their experiences, as well as the implications for regulatory frameworks.

I look forward to meeting you in Prague and engaging with you on these captivating topics.

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Conference Programme

Day 1, Wednesday, 20 May 2026: Simplification vs Deregulation

Moderator: Prof. Jörg Rocholl, ESMT Berlin, President and German Federal Ministry of Finance, Chair of the Advisory Board

Time	PROGRAMME
12.30 – 13.30	REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH
13.30 – 13.45	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO DAY 1 Jan Frait <i>Czech National Bank, Vice-Governor</i>
13.45 – 14.15	KEYNOTE Michael Theurer <i>Deutsche Bundesbank, Board Member</i>
14.15 – 15.00	IMPULSE TALKS Quo vadis, private debt? Prof. Jörg Rocholl, ESMT Berlin, President and German Federal Ministry of Finance, Chair of the Advisory Board Complexity in Banking Regulation Prof. Dr. Rainer Haselmann, <i>Goethe University Frankfurt</i> Simpler & proportional regulation as basis for effective supervision Dr. Sabine Albrecht, <i>Deutsche Bundesbank, Head of Microprudential Regulation</i>
15.00 – 15.30	COFFEE BREAK
15.30 – 17.00	PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator: Prof. Jörg Rocholl <i>ESMT Berlin, President and German Federal Ministry of Finance, Chair of the Advisory Board</i>
15.30 – 16.15	TOPIC 1: SIMPLIFICATION VS DEREGULATION Martin Vojta <i>Czech National Bank, Deputy Executive Director, Financial Regulation and International Cooperation</i> Dr. Sabine Albrecht <i>Deutsche Bundesbank, Head of Microprudential Regulation</i> Prof. Dr. Rainer Haselmann <i>Goethe University Frankfurt</i> Michaela Zattler <i>Association of German Banks, Head of Banking Supervision and Accounting</i>
16.15 – 17.00	TOPIC 2: SIMPLIFICATION IN PRACTICE Christoph Hittmair <i>HSBC, Global Head of FIG – Debt Capital Markets</i> Torsten Leinweber <i>Raiffeisenbank im Fuldaer Land eG, Board Member</i> Dr. Ravinder Stephan Singh Sud <i>Stadtsparkasse Rahden, CEO</i> Johanneke Weitjens <i>ING group, Global head Regulatory and Public affairs</i>
18.30	EVENING RECEPTION AND DINNER

Day 2, Thursday, 21 May 2026: AI in Supervision

Moderator: Dr. Christian Drescher, *Deutsche Bundesbank, Head of Digital Transformation of Banking Supervision*

Time	PROGRAMME
9.30 – 9.45	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO DAY 2 Jan Kubicek <i>Czech National Bank, Board Member</i>
09.45 – 10.15	KEYNOTE: STRATEGIC AI FOR SUPERVISION: WHAT CHANGES BEYOND TOOLS AND PROCESSES Prof. Dr. Christoph Kreiterling <i>Trier University of Applied Sciences</i>
10.15 – 11.00	IMPULSE TALKS AI Tools for Supervisors: Enhancing Supervision with Technology Benjamin Schooleman, <i>De Nederlandsche Bank, Manager Significant Institutions, SI Banking Supervision Division</i> AI in capital market supervision Jindrich Müller, <i>Czech National Bank, Senior Expert, Conduct of Business Supervision Division</i> How AI can help customers and businesses – What AI means for regulation – Implementation and challenges at Allianz Dr. Florian Jell, <i>Allianz Kunde und Markt, Chief Data Officer</i>
11.00 – 11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30 – 13.00	PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator: Dr. Christian Drescher <i>Deutsche Bundesbank, Head of Digital Transformation of Banking Supervision</i>
11.30 – 12.15	TOPIC 1: AI TOOLS FOR SUPERVISORS: ENHANCING SUPERVISION WITH TECHNOLOGY Jindrich Müller <i>Czech National Bank, Senior Expert, Conduct of Business Supervision Division</i> Lukasz Kubicki <i>ECB, Head of Division, Technology & Innovation</i> Christian Rühl <i>Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin), Senior Advisor, Division DevOps III Artificial Intelligence, databases and -analysis</i>
12.15 – 13.00	TOPIC 2: AI IN FINANCE: DISRUPTION OR TRANSFORMATION? Markus Schmid <i>KfW, Head of Customer Analytics & Data Science</i> Dr. Florian Jell <i>Allianz Kunde und Markt, Chief Data Officer</i> Prof. Dr. Christoph Kreiterling <i>Trier University of Applied Sciences</i> Prof. Dr. Tobias Tröger <i>Goethe University Frankfurt</i> Jane Shapkina <i>Google, Data Architect</i>
13.00	END OF CONFERENCE

Organisational information

Conference and dinner venue

CNB Congress Centre
Senovážné náměstí (square) No. 30
Prague 1



Conference fee

The conference fee is €390, including the evening reception, refreshments and lunch during the event. Travel, accommodation and transfer to the conference venue are not included and are subject to individual arrangements by the participants. A list of recommended hotels near the venue can be found below.

Registration

Please register online via the following link: [ESE Conference 2026: "Deregulation & Simplification and AI in Supervision" | European Supervisor Education Initiative](#)

Registration deadline: Friday, 20 March 2026

Participation is limited both in terms of total participants and by participants per institution. Upon registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation of receipt. The ESE Secretariat will then send out personalised confirmation/rejection e-mails once after the registration deadline.

The conference fee will be charged via invoice upon confirmation of participation.

Contact

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Czech National Bank
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Hotel recommendations

Please note that accommodation and transfer to the conference venue are not included in the Conference package and are subject to individual arrangements by the participants.

The following hotels have been recommended by the Conference host. They are listed in the order of their walking distance from the Conference venue (Czech National Bank, CNB) and you can see their position on the map on the next page. Please note that no special prices have been negotiated with the hotels.

1) HOTEL BOHO ****

<https://www.hotelbohoprague.com/>

Address: Senovážná 1254, Praha 1

51 m from CNB

2) ART NOUVEAU PALACE HOTEL *****

<https://www.palacehotel.cz/en/>

Address: Panská 12, Praha 1

300 m from CNB

3) K+K HOTEL CENTRAL, PRAGUE ****

<https://www.kkhotels.com/products/kk-hotel-central-prague/>

Address: Hybernská 10, Praha 1

300 m from CNB

4) GRAND HOTEL BOHEMIA *****

<https://www.grandhotelbohemia.cz/en/>

Address: Královská 4/652, Praha 1

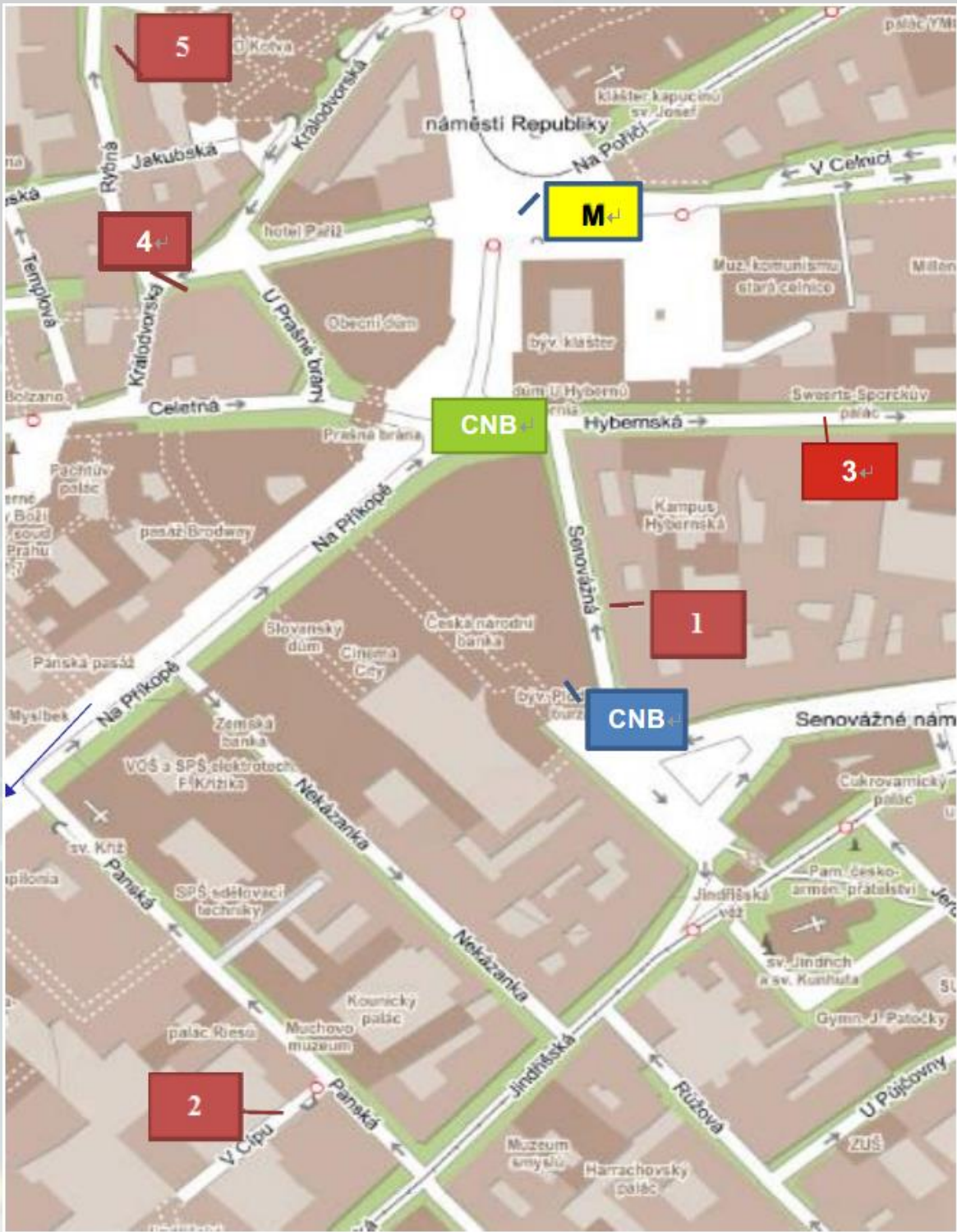
400 m from CNB

5) ASTORIA HOTEL PRAGUE ****

<https://www.hotelastoria.cz/en/>

Address: Rybná 10, Praha 1

550 m from CNB



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Hotels 1 – 5 mentioned on the previous pages

CNB

Czech National Bank Congress Centre (address: Senovážné náměstí 30, Praha 1)

CNB

Czech National Bank Main Entrance (address: Na Příkopě 28, Praha 1)

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