

Agenda & Panellists

Online Workshop | *Building Sustainable Gender Focused Angel Investment Across Europe: the Role of ESIL Next Gen Angels*

Thursday 11 July 2024 from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Introduction: Setting the Scene for Gender Focused Angel Investment

Moderated by Jenny Tooth OBE, VP Diversity, BAE

2.00pm – 2.15pm: Welcome

Jenny Tooth will give an overview of the core focus of the Workshop, setting out the challenges and issues that we will seek to consider and what the panels will cover and the overall objectives and outcomes for the delivery of ESIL.

2.15pm – 2.30pm: Opening Address with **Samira Rafaela**, Visiting Fellow at the Cornell University Global Labor Institute: *The importance of a gender focused approach to investment for Europe's future economic growth*. Ms Rafaela will present the role and position of the European Commission and the European Parliament in establishing a gender focused policy framework and measures to support the growth of women led businesses and increase the level of investment in Europe's innovating women entrepreneurs.

Topic 1: What does the Data tell us on Women Angel Investment?

Moderated by Reginald Vossen, President, BAE

2.30pm -3.10pm: Panel Discussion

Whilst considerable research data exists on the Equity market overall and the level of women Investment in VC (Invest Europe; EWVC;), there has been less detailed and robust research on the Angel market. This session will present some valuable and objective research on women angel investment that has recently been carried out through both academic and private sector sources (and which was also detailed in the BAE recent European Angel Research Conference held in November 2023) and will be presented at the workshop.

Short presentations including:



- Henry Whorwood, Managing Director Research and Consultancy, Beauhurst: “Women Angel Insights: The Impact of Women angel investing” 2022 UK.
 - Prof Laurence Cohen, Associate professor in finance, School of Management Université de Lyon, France: Research “Does gender matter in driving active angel investment? Investigating a women-only angel group”.
 - Kinga Stanislawska, Co-Founder European Women in VC, GP and Founder Experior Venture Fund, Poland: EWVC Research on women in leadership and decision-making in investment.
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Topic 2: What Works in Increasing Angel Gender Diversity in the European Investment Base and How Good Practice Will Support Work in ESIL

Moderated by Triin Linamagi, Sie Ventures, founding partner

3.10pm - 3.50pm: Panel Discussion

This panel will review key good practices being taken by Women Angel Leaders in more developed Angel markets including Education programmes; Codes of conduct; Women focused syndication etc. We will also discuss how good practice models can be effectively transferred to the key target countries under ESIL and the wider Europe.

Panellists:

- Florence Richardson, Femmes Business Angels, France, ESIL Archangel.
 - Lurdes Gramaxo, Investors Portugal, ESIL Archangel.
 - Mary McKenna, Awaken Women Angels, Ireland and NI, European Woman Angel of the Year.
 - Deepali Nangia, Atomico Angel, Co-Founder Alma Angels and partner SpeedInvest, Austria.
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3.50pm - 4.10pm: SHORT BREAK

Topic 3: Empowering Women Leaders in Angel Investing in Female Founders in Europe - with Specific Reference to ESIL Selected Countries

Moderated by Jana Drzkova - Euroquity, bpifrance

4.10pm - 4.50pm: Panel Discussion

This panel will examine the existing initiatives being taken by Women Angels taking leadership in the target CEE countries and how these actions and what are the barriers and challenges in further building women focused investment in the target countries and how these actions can be further developed and amplified in the context of the ESIL capacity building programmes and more needs to be done to create sustainable gender-focused angel communities.

Panellists

- Elena Nikolova, Bulgarian Angels Club
- Mirna Marovic, Managing Director, VentureXchange; President, Croatian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (CVCA) and business angel
- Selena Stan, Co-Leader Venture Investment, Women Invest in Tech Angels Club
- Women Invest in Tech Angels Club
- Ilinca Paun, Founder Bravva Angels , Romania

Topic 4: Key Instruments for Catalysing Gender Focused Investment in Innovation across Europe

Moderated by Luigi Amati - ESIL Project Director, META Group

4.50 pm-5.30 pm: Panel Discussion

This panel will focus on opportunities offered through existing European programmes and initiatives to boost gender-focused Angel investment looking at both policy, investment, education and support, including key representatives from Bpi; EIC; EIT and EIF and how these can be amplified to support ESIL.

Panellists:

- Gilles Le Cocquen, Director of Euroquity BpiFrance
- Francesca Natali, Fund managing Director, META Group and ESIL Archangel
- Agnieszka WOJDYR, Policy Officer, Access to Finance, gender-smart investment DG Grow, European Commission



5.30pm – 6.00pm: Discussion on Lessons Learned & Summing Up & Closure

Closure by Jenny Tooth OBE, VP Diversity, BAE

This will offer an opportunity for all Workshop participants to provide comments, views and outstanding questions.

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