

For Members of the European Parliament a reliable source of information and a useful tool to underpin debate on policy issues affecting financial services

In these challenging times, a **close and regular dialogue** between members of the financial industry and the lawmakers is more important than ever. The Forum's goal is to promote this dialogue and **include all major players** in it, thus offering a unique opportunity to engage with many stakeholders, while **respecting time constraints**.

“EPFSF provides a platform for a very good insightful and thorough discussion of matters related to the financial legislation.”

Ivailo Kalfin MEP 2009-2014 - S&D/BG

To exchange views on the role of finance in supporting the European economy, MEPs can join the EPFSF events

- up to one-hour and a half
- once a month
- for an **open and informal discussion** on the policy issues affecting financial services
- with representatives from **all sectors of the financial industry** (banking, payment institutions, financial markets, post-trade infrastructures, insurance, investment management, pension funds, credit rating agencies, etc.)
- as well as representatives from **consumer and end-user groups**, **European Commission** officials and **relevant authorities**

“A cross-section of industry voices at one event that is neutral from any specific vested interest group.”

Kay Swinburne MEP - ECR/UK

“Eye-opener for the technical and political aspects. Also, a good comparison of industry, EC and EP positions.”

Wolf Klinz MEP 2004-2014 - ALDE/DE

The Forum’s mission is to **enhance MEPs’ understanding** of the financial markets and services and their role within the wider community. It pledges to serve MEPs as a **resource centre** providing factual information in its briefing papers and during its debates. Against the background of the financial sector’s complexity, the Forum pays attention to provide **contributions that are as balanced and neutral as possible** and to foster conditions enabling an **open dialogue and improved transparency**.

MEPs willing to steer the activities of the Forum can become members of the EPFSF Steering Committee

- one meeting per year
- impact on the topics and programme of activities
- priority to chair the EPFSF events
- useful source for additional information
- no technical contribution required



Another way for MEPs of different nationalities and political groups to express their point of views

“Useful to get broader information on specific issues.”

Burkhard Balz MEP - EPP/DE

“In one meeting, you get not only the facts, but also the opinions from the industry and the politics.”

Auke Zijlstra MEP 2011-2014 - NI/NL

“I like the open-minded style of the debates.”

Olle Schmidt MEP 2006-2014 - ALDE/SE

MEPs in the steering committee from 2009 to 2013

