

Schedule

The Ventures.eu Forum is a private, invite-only gathering of leading family offices, LPs, fund-of-funds, and policy leaders. In one focused day of keynotes and panels — balanced with curated networking — we'll explore market trends, portfolio construction, and Europe's strategic autonomy, concluding with an evening reception and walking dinner at the Orangerie.



➤ **Registration & Welcome Coffee** 11:00 - 11:30

➤ **Welcome Address**

11:30 - 11:40

Thijs Povel (Dealflow.eu), Prince Henri de Ligne (Château de Beloeil)

➤ **Castle Tour** 11:40 - 12:10

➤ **Keynote 1 - Europe's Capital Catalysts: How the EIF is Fueling Innovation Through VC**

12:20 - 12:30

Peter Coveliers (EIF) will discuss how the European Investment Fund is facilitating access to venture capital in Europe, focusing on how their strategic investments support scaling startups.

➤ **Keynote 2 - Unlocking Europe's Capital for Innovation: The Policy Perspective**

12:30 - 12:40

A keynote by Alice Guedel offering an insider's perspective from the European Commission on how EU policy is shaping venture capital and fintech financing to unlock private investment, boost confidence, and accelerate Europe's innovation growth.

➤ **Keynote 3 - EU vs US: A Data-Driven Comparison of Startup Investment Trends**

12:40 - 12:55

Yoram Wijngaarde (Dealroom.co) and Arthur Jordão (ESNA) will compare the EU and US startup ecosystems, focusing on investment data and trends, and highlighting the differences in funding, scaling, and government support.

➤ **Panel 1 - The Rise of European Tech: Investment Trends and Challenges US vs. EU**

12:55 - 13:30

This panel will examine the rapid growth of European tech startups, addressing key trends, challenges, and opportunities, with a comparison with the US landscape. Speakers: Miruna-Ioana Girtu (Heritage Holdings), Michael Brehm (Redstone), Fridtjof Detzner (Planet A), Mark Schmitz (Equation), Jillian Manus (U.S. Advisor and Ambassador EIC).

➤ **Lunch & Networking** 13:30 - 14:30



Panel 2 - Europe's Innovation Engine: Family Offices, Deeptech and the Talent Revolution

14:30 - 15:10

This session will dive into how family offices are shifting their investments towards deeptech and talent-driven startups. Speakers: Philipp Scholz (EWOR), Agate Freiman (Norrskén), Jonathan Hollis (Mountside Ventures).



Panel 3 - Navigating Portfolio Construction in Uncertain Times

15:10 - 15:50

A deep dive into how portfolio construction is evolving amidst uncertainty, inflation, and economic pressure. Speakers: Andreas Munk Holm (EU VC), Marc Penkala (Altitude), Joe Schorge (Isomer Capital), Aurelia von Liechtenstein (EWOR).



Panel 4 - Active Collaboration between VC and Family Offices: The Next Generation's Role

15:50 - 16:30

A focused fireside chat on how VCs and family offices partner to drive innovation—spotlighting next-gen family leaders. Speakers: Laura Iriarte Zabalaga (O100 Conferences), Claude Decorte (BNP Paribas Wealth Management), Tanya Blazhko, Philippe Lambrecht (PYM.NU), Bouke Marsman (Marktlink Capital).



Coffee Break // Private Session with our Sponsors - Investing in Private Markets with Marktlink Capital

16:30 - 17:00

During this coffee break, **if desired**, you will have the chance to **hear from our sponsors Marktlink Capital**, experts in uncovering exclusive private market opportunities and maximising returns.



Panel 5 - Europe's Sovereignty Playbook – Investing in Strategic Autonomy

17:00 - 17:30

This session will explore Europe's sovereignty in critical sectors like defense and AI. Experts will discuss how investment in these sectors ensures Europe's resilience and security. Speakers: Carolina Rossi (ESNA), Alexander Lange (Inflection.xyz), Juliet Bailin (Whitting), Sebastian von Ribbentrop (JOIN Capital).



Panel 6 - The Role of Pension Funds in Unlocking Europe's Innovation

17:30 - 18:00

This session will highlight successful pension fund investments and their impact on European growth. Kinga Stanislawska (European Women in VC), Chris Elphick (BVCA), Daniel Keiper-Knorr (Speedinvest), Kerstin Cooley (Course Corrected VC).



Closing Keynote - European Venture Capital in 2025 and Beyond & the EU Scale-Up Fund

18:00 - 18:15

Jean-David Malo (European Commission), Thijs Povel (Dealflow.eu)



Cocktails & Walking Dinner at the Orangerie

18:30 - 21:00



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