

Roundtable: **Data Centre Financing: how to get a grip on the Code of Conduct**

Roundtable Host(s): European Investment Bank

Moderator: Dr. Harald Gruber

NOTE: This workshop will be held in ENGLISH/GERMAN

Time: tbd

Room: tbd



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Workshop Host

Dr Harald Gruber is Head of Digital Infrastructure at the Projects Directorate of the European Investment Bank based in Luxembourg. He oversees project appraisal and advises on the Bank's business strategy with respect to financing of digital infrastructure, digital transformation and innovation policy. He is on the editorial board of several journals in the sector and has a publication track record with books and articles in journals. He has been also professor at Bocconi University (Milan) for telecommunications economics. Harald Gruber holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the LSE.

Objective:

Data centres is the most energy intensive part in the digital infrastructure value chain. The theme is on compliance of financing of new data centres with code of conduct. The Data Centres Code of Conduct has been created in response to increasing energy consumption in data centres and the need to reduce the related environmental, economic and energy supply security impacts. Though it is a voluntary initiative initiated by the European Commission, it has attracted increasing adherence with data centre operators. On the basis of examples the workshop will further explore on what is to be expected on the normative side for compliance, with implications for financing under energy efficiency criteria.

Format:

- Interactive workshop with max. 20 participants
- One 1h session
- Presentations only support the workshop discussion. The major focus is the active participation and integration of the participants
- Chatham House rules apply for the entire Di² Summit and secure the high-level trustful environment

Content of the Roundtable:

1. Code of conduct for data centres
2. Recent trends for compliance
3. Implications for finance