

SFL Partner Day 15 May 2025

Time: 08:30 – 13:30 including lunch

Venue: KTH Gradängsalen, Teknikringen 1, Stockholm

Policymakers, companies and financial market actors are all impacted by the current geopolitical landscape marked by protectionism, heightened tensions and increased uncertainty. This is manifested in the new US Administration's declaration to once again pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, as well as the turbulence surrounding the European Union's sustainability regulations. The Omnibus proposal, expected to propose streamlining of the Taxonomy, CSRD, and CSDDD may in fact scale back and/or hinder progress on globally set sustainability targets, relating to climate goals, biodiversity and social issues.

The impact of the proposed changes on sustainable finance efforts is likely to be profound as sustainable investments rely heavily on robust regulatory frameworks to ensure transparency, mitigate risks, and prevent greenwashing. The EU's leadership in this area has been pivotal in setting global standards and the potential dilution of sustainability regulations could undermine investor confidence and slow the momentum towards integrating environmental, social, and governance criteria into financial decision-making. This would, in turn, risk significantly undermining global efforts to transition towards sustainable economies and societies.

In this SFL Partner Day, we explore what the new geopolitical environment and backsliding in EU sustainability regulations may mean for sustainable finance.

Program

- 8:30-8:40 Introduction & welcome. Malin Malmström, Luleå University of Technology & Kent Eriksson, KTH.
- 8:40-9:10 Keynote: Professor David Langlet, Uppsala University.
Moderator: Beatrice Crona, Stockholm University.
- 9:10 – 9:20 Short legstretcher
- 9:20 – 10:10 SFL research pitches
- "The Politicization of ESG". Speaker: Andrew Newton, University of Gothenburg.
 - "Staying green while simplifying sustainability reporting". Speaker: Emmy Wassénus, Stockholm Resilience Centre.
 - "Making consumer credit markets sustainable". Speakers: Mark Sanctuary, KTH/IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute & Kent Eriksson, KTH.
 - "Modern Slavery and Sustainable Finance". Speaker: Örjan Sjöberg, Stockholm School of Economics.
- 10:10-10:40 Coffee break with discussion points
- 10:40-11:10 Keynote: CEO Kristin Magnusson Bernard, AP1. Moderator: Lin Lerpold, Stockholm School of Economics.
- 11:10-11:50 Panel discussion with Kristin Magnusson Bernard, AP1, David Langlet, Uppsala University, Anja Hannerz, Nordea, and Gareth Greenwood, Deloitte. Moderators: Beatrice Crona, Stockholm University, and Lin Lerpold, Stockholm School of Economics.
- 11:50-12:20 Student Award Presentation. Moderator: Mark Sanctuary, KTH/IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute.
- 12:20-12:30 Conclusion and wrap up. Erik Eliasson, Danske Bank.
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch and networking

Welcome!

Sustainable Finance Lab's management team.