



## Introducing FinConf 2019's Featured Panellists

**Marko Škreb** brings more than 20 years of experience to this year's Banking Regulation Panel. His experience ranges from serving as the Governor of the Croatian central bank, consulting for the International Monetary Fund in Ghana and teaching at the University of Zagreb. Marko is currently working on a USAID-financed project in Bosnia and Herzegovina focusing on the central bank reforms.

# Global Banking Regulation Q&A with Mr. Marko Škreb



### **Q. Which trends do you see in global banking regulations?**

**A:** In my view, the main trend is minimizing risks taxpayers will face in future financial crisis. Regulation to a large degree has still been reactive to the 2008 global financial crisis. Regulators around the world both on a global level, like the Bank for International Settlement, and national regulators are preventing taxpayers from bearing the costs future banking crises.

On top of this, there are more general trends about regulating new technologies and enabling commercial banks to prioritize long-term development over short-term profits.

### **Q: How can we address these trends?**

**A:** In my opinion, current regulations are far too complex. Regulations need to be made stricter, but simpler. This is especially true in small countries with developing economies. Small countries are mimicking what multinational regulators or more developed countries are doing.

When small countries import overly complex regulatory frameworks, they are resource intensive to fully understand, implement and monitor. These resources can be more effective for development purposes, notably lending, rather than supervising and monitoring compliance.

*“In small countries, we must be efficient by implementing country-specific regulations that enable better use of human and financial resources.”*

### **Q: How do you see fragmentation affecting global regulations?**

**A:** I see trade issues, for example between China, the USA and the EU, creating fragmentation within global banking regulations. The economic growth of China could lead to an Asian financial system that diverges from global trends designed in Washington or Basel. My suspicion is there could be splits in regulation between Western countries and Asian countries. This could manifest in Central and Southeast Europe where China's investment and influence is growing.

**“ FinConf 2019 is an extremely useful event. In general, there is a lot of misunderstanding about technology. Bringing together such an impressive list of experts will give clarity to participants, the public and policy makers to see the main trends in innovation and prepare for the near future. ”**