

## PROGRAMME DACT ACADEMY

Thursday, November 14

**12:00 – 13:00 REGISTRATION & LUNCH**

**13:00 – 13:10 Opening by Erwin Bastianen, chair DACT**

**13:10 – 14:40 What Can We Learn from the Silicon Valley Bank?**

**Speaker:** Prof. Dr. Harald Benink, Tilburg University

[Prof. Harald Benink](#) will offer an in-depth analysis of the Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) collapse. His presentation will explore the role of treasurers during banking crises, the potential impact of SVB's failure on the Dutch banking system, and the current uncertainties within the European financial sector.

**14:40 – 15:15 Break**

**15:15 – 16:30 Company Evaluation Through the Lens of a Financial Analyst**

**Speaker:** Edin Mujagic, Investment Fund Hoofbosch

[Edin Mujagic](#) will explore the macroeconomic and geopolitical factors influencing company evaluation. His presentation will provide a macroeconomic overview, focusing on how labor availability, interest rates, and other factors impact corporate decisions. He will then apply these insights to stock market evaluations, emphasizing what analysts should consider when deciding to buy or sell shares.

**16:30 – 17:00 Break**

**17:00 – 17:30 Dynamic landscape of global Food & Energy Transitions**

**Speaker:** Els Kamphof, Member of the Managing Board at Rabobank

[Els Kamphof](#) will reflect on the dynamic landscape of global Food & Energy Transitions, uncovering the opportunities and challenges they present and highlight the strategic initiatives the Rabobank Managing Board has implemented to support their clients and society through these critical transitions. This analysis will be framed within the context of the Paris and Montreal agreements, emphasizing the commitment to sustainable development and regional self-sufficiency.

**17:30 – 18:00 Panel Discussion**

**Panelists:** Prof. Harald Benink, Edin Mujagic & Els Kamphof

**Moderator:** Erwin Bastianen

A comprehensive discussion on the potential impact of a Trump presidency on global energy transition efforts, with a focus on how Europe might respond to increased urgency for both defense and renewable energy investments, moderated by Erwin Bastianen.

**18:00 – 21:00 Dinner**

## PROGRAMME DACT ACADEMY

Friday, November 15

**08:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00 – 09:45 Elections and Their Impact on the Global Economy**

**Speaker:** [Arend Jan Boekestijn](#), Historian and Publicist

Our world looks like a battered place. I can't remember a time in which so many crises (the plural of crisis) are happening simultaneously. At the same time major geopolitical transformations are taking place which are very difficult to handle peacefully. Which great power will ultimately come out of top? I fear that Russia, Africa and Latin America won't be part of the first league. The contenders will be USA, EU, India and China. Which power will be dominant?

**09:45 – 10:15 Navigating Inflation and Interest Rates in 2025**

**Speakers:** [Stefan Koopman](#), Senior market strategist & Hessel Rijpkema, Executive Director Wholesale Europe / Markets Rabobank

Join Stefan and Hessel in just 30 minutes for a deep dive into the forces shaping today's economic landscape, from the persistent trends influencing inflation to the pivotal interest rate decisions impacting markets worldwide. Stefan and Hessel will provide not only a thorough analysis but also insights to help you navigate this complex environment.

**10:15 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 11:45 AI for Financials**

**Speaker:** [Ioana Karnstedt-Hulpus](#), Assistant Professor in the Data Intensive Systems group at the Department of Information and Computing Science at University of Utrecht

This session will focus on the newest AI techniques and how these technologies can support treasurers in their decision-making.

**11:45 – 12:00 DACT Best Thesis Award**

Best treasury thesis candidates will share their insights through short pitches, followed by the announcement of the [Thesis Award winner](#) and a prize-giving ceremony.

**12:00 – 12:15 Introduction of New DACT Partner: Treasurer Search**

**12:15 – 13:00 Title: Working across generations**

**Speaker:** [Jos Ahlers](#)

Each year at the DACT Academy, we focus on DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). This year, bestselling author Jos Ahlers will lead a session on understanding Generation Z, diving into the dynamics of working across generations. What can different generations learn from one another, and how can they help empower each other?

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00 Soft Skills Training: The Art of Negotiating**  
Conducted by: [Debat.nl](https://www.debat.nl)

This optional training session will focus on developing negotiation skills. Key topics include:

- Persuasive opening statements.
- Techniques to lead discussions.
- Handling resistance and emotions during negotiations.

**16:00 – 17:00 Closure and Awarding of Participation Certificates**