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Session 3 „Diversity beyond gender: where funders have blind spots“ (September)

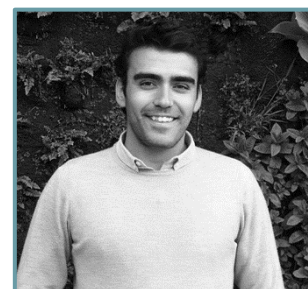


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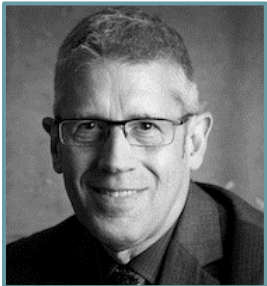


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Session 4 „Dormant bank accounts: A solution for large-scale impact?“ (November)



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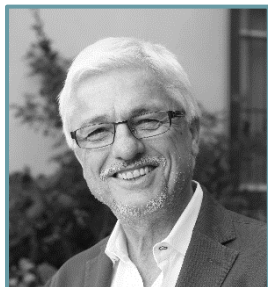


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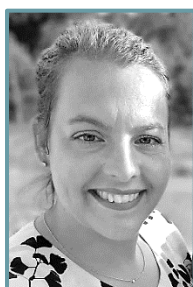


Session 1 „How much impact is in SDG investing?“ (June)



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Session 2 „Exit pathways in times of economic downturn: mission impossible?“ (June)



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