

FIRST SUMMIT · JUNE 2026

Solvay Impact Institute

One day. One space. Every perspective on impact.

DATE

Monday 15 June 2026

VENUE

42 av. Franklin D.
Roosevelt, 1050 Bruxelles

FORMAT

2 Keynotes · Panels · 3 Tracks

REGISTRATION



ABOUT THE SUMMIT



Where Disagreement becomes Progress

The questions surrounding impact: how to measure it, how to finance it, and how to translate it into policy are among the most pressing of our time. They are also deeply intertwined. Finance cannot work in isolation from policy, research without practice remains incomplete, and real change requires the courage to hold genuinely different perspectives in the same room.

"Too often, debates about impact remain siloed within communities that already agree with one another. This summit aspires to be something different: a place where honest, respectful exchange moves the conversation forward."

The Solvay Impact Institute First Summit brings together **academics, practitioners, investors, policymakers, students, philanthropists and nonprofit leaders** for a single intensive day of structured debate and cross-sector dialogue. By design, it does not seek consensus at the cost of clarity, it seeks productive disagreement as a driver of genuine insight.

From Dialogue to Action

Documented takeaways and a post-event impact report will translate the day's discussions into actionable insights, strategic frameworks, and policy recommendations carried back into organisations, research, and governance.

Built for Cross-Pollination

Real progress happens at the intersection of communities. The summit's architecture, three tracks, two plenaries, one keynote, is designed so that every session puts distinct languages, metrics and priorities in genuine dialogue.

Some of the people behind the Summit & the Solvay Impact Institute



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Noémie Renier

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Whether you come to listen, to debate, or to connect, you leave with sharper ideas, broader networks, and a clearer path to impact.

PROGRAMME



Three Tracks, Two Plenaries, Two Keynotes

DAY AT A GLANCE

08:30 - 09:00	Welcome & Registration	Atrium Hall
	Arrival, check-in, and morning networking	
09:00 - 09:45	Welcome and Keynote	Auditorium Pierre Drion
	Setting the stage: the state of impact across finance, pricing & policy	
09:50 - 11:20	Track Session I	
	Three parallel tracks - research, applied research & realised projects	
11:20- 11:40	Coffee Break	Atrium Hall
	Informal networking and refreshments	
11:40 - 12:40	First Transversal Panel	Auditorium Pierre Drion
	Deep-dive discussions & evidence-based panels	
12:40 - 13:40	Networking lunch	Atrium Hall
	Discuss and exchange over lunch	
13:40 - 15:10	Track sessions	
	Continued thematic sessions in parallel track	
15:10 - 15:30	Coffee break	Atrium Hall
	Pause and networking opportunity	
15:30 - 16:30	Second Transversal Panel	Auditorium Pierre Drion
	Multi-perspective dialogue on impact challenges	
16:30 - 17:30	Wrap-up & Keynote	Auditorium Pierre Drion
	Closing insights and final keynote address	
17:30 - 19:00	Drink & Networking	Atrium Hall
	Informal closing reception and networking	

THREE EXPERT TRACKS

Track A	Auditorium 4.502 (Paul Hatry)
Policy for Impact	
Public policy design, microfinance, social entrepreneurship, environmental transition, and the institutional architecture of meaningful change.	
Track B	Auditorium 2.107
Pricing for Impact	
Carbon pricing, healthcare cost analysis, labour market policies, and the economics of social value creation. How do we measure what markets fail to price?	
Track C	Auditorium 5.503 (Pierre Drion)
Finance for Impact	
Impact investing, ESG integration, blended finance, sustainable debt markets, and the evidence on financial returns versus social outcomes. Bridging the gap between academic research and investment practice.	

DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE

Two Keynotes, For true inspiration

MORNING KEYNOTE

9h00

Auditorium 5.503
(Pierre Drion)**Sir Ronald Cohen**Co-founder and
President of GSG Impact**Steven Serneels**Co-founder and Chairman of
Impact Finance Belgium

To start the day, and inspire our attendees, we will have the participation of **Sir Ronald Cohen** (Founder of GSG Impact, Chair of many initiatives and author of "IMPACT: Reshaping capitalism to drive real change") interviewed by **Steven Serneels** (Co-founder and Chariman of Impact Finance Belgium among others).

What about the risk-return-impact relationship? Is it under pressure today? The mindshift is there and has driven an enormous traction. How should we see it today? Impact can be risk reduction but is foremost value creation.

And why not talking about the Impact Economy after all?

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

16h30

Auditorium 5.503
(Pierre Drion)**Ignace Schops**Goldman Environment Prize
and Director at RLKM**Magali Frankl**

Director of The Shift

This session features keynote reflections by **Ignace Schops** (Goldman Environment Prize and Director of RLKM) and **Magali Frankl** (Director of The Shift), offering forward-looking perspectives on environmental stewardship, systemic change, and the role of collective action in accelerating impact.

The day will conclude with closing statements from the four organisers, highlighting the transition from coordination to co-creation and outlining the next steps for building a shared impact agenda.

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Three Tracks, One for everyone

MORNING TRACKS

Track A

Policy for Impact

Moderator: Ilan Tojerow (DULBEA, SII)

Auditorium 4.502

Simulation de la charge de pension des pouvoirs locaux wallons (FR)**Théo ROLLAND** (Researcher, DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Eric WARTEL** (financial director of the city of Charleroi)**Évaluation de la réforme de la fiscalité automobile wallonne (FR)****Maxime FONTAINE** (PhD student, DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Philippe HENRY** (former Minister of Mobility in Wallonia)**Impact Evaluation of a Social Innovation in Legal Aid****Françoise DELMEZ** (Post Doc, DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Maïté De Rue** (SPF Justice)**La Communauté germanophone dans une Belgique à quatre Régions (FR)****Benoît BAYENET** (DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB, et Président du Conseil Central de l'Économie)**Karl Heinz LAMBERTZ** (former Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium)

Track B

Pricing for Impact

Moderator: Sandra Rothenberger (CEBRIG, SII)

Auditorium 2.107

How is sustainability reshaping value creation and why do traditional pricing models become obsolete?**True cost of Food: The Cost of Cheap Food****Pierre-Alexandre Billiet** (CEO, Gondola Group)**Pricing for the Planet x Ducker Carlisle: What if pricing were the key to a sustainable future?****Fabien Cros** (Chief Data & AI Officer, Drucker Carlisle)**Simon Dupont** (PhD student, CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Sandra Rothenberger** (Professor, co-President of the SII, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)

Track C

Finance for Impact

Moderator: Benoit Quittre (Kaya Ecopreneurs)

Auditorium 5.503

The various visions of sustainable and impact finance & investing**Gilles Solé** (PhD student, CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Christel Dumas** (Professor, ICHEC)**Samy Willocx** (PhD student, CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Wendy Braeken** (Impact Expert, Impact Finance Belgium)**Impact Entrepreneurship****Franco Bogovic** (Co-founder & Partner/Board, Aquitara Impact Fund & Aquitara Philanthropic Fund)**Benoit Quittre** (Chairman, Kaya - Belgian Coalition of Ecopreneurs)**Cédric Vanhoeck** (CEO, Resortecs)**The value of the true impact and the 3V Value creation model****Gricha Safarian** (Creator of Cacao Trace · Lecturer Stanford LEAD · Founder, Grand-Place Group)**Hugues Pirotte** (Professor, co-President of the SII, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)

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AFTERNOON TRACKS

Track A

Policy for Impact

Moderator: Ilan Tojerow (DULBEA, SII)

Auditorium
4.502**Field of Study and the Gender Wage Gap: Does Workers' Origin Matter?****Thomas SENTERRE** (PhD student, CEBRIG, DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB and Soci&ter)**Matthieu DELPIERRE** (Researcher, IWEPS)**When Wealth Tax Doesn't Bite: Evidence from financial wealth tax in Belgium****Thérèse BASTIN** (PhD student, DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Solange SAGHBINI** (Senior Tax Advisor for Nagelmackers)**Diffusion of Protest Through Social Media: Evidence from the Nahel Protest in France****Pierre-Guillaume MÉON** (Professor, CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Eric SNOECK** (Commissaire général, Federal Police)**Is Information Enough? Computational complexity, Online Simulators & Work Incentives in Social Insurance****Marina LIGATO** (PhD student, DULBEA, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Ellen Wyffels** (Attaché Expert Arbeidsre-integratie, RIZIV-INAMI)

Track B

Pricing for Impact

Moderator: Sandra Rothenberger (CEBRIG, SII)

Auditorium
2.107**Are Sustainable Products Artificially Expensive?**

Making sustainability more accessible is also a strategic choice.

Nicolas Lambert (Expert in sustainable marketing and lecturer at UCLouvain and Helha)**Sandra Rothenberger** (Professor, co-President of the SII, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Simon Dupont** (PhD candidate, CEBRIG & SII, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)

Track C

Finance for Impact

Moderators: Noémie Renier (Head of Debt, Incofin IM)
Hubert Tchakouté (SII, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)Auditorium
5.503**Agrifinance & Financial Inclusion: Rethinking Local Impact****Noémie Renier** (Head of Debt, Incofin IM & co-President of the SII)**Joris Totté** (CEO, BIO - the Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries)**Gricha Safarian** (Creator of Cacao Trace · Lecturer Stanford LEAD · Founder, Grand-Place Group)**Hubert Tchakouté** (CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)**Bottlenecks and actions to provide a real growth to impact financing?****Pierre Harkay** (CEO, Impact Finance Belgium)**Julia Symon** (Director Research & Advocacy, FinanceWatch)**The 2063 Agenda of the African Union...after 2013: aspirations and lessons learned****Loïc de Cannière** (Fondateur Incofin)**Mouctar Bah** (Brussels Africa Hub)**Hubert Tchakouté** (CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM, ULB)

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Two Panels, To bring together

MORNING PANEL

Auditorium 5.503
(Pierre Drion)

First Transversal Panel: Impact Methodologies

**Anaïs Périlleux**Professor
UCLouvain**Jérémy Levin**Senior Policy & Impact
advisor, Innoviris**William Parienté**Professor
UCLouvain**Céline Vaessen**CIO, SFPI-FPIM
co-President of the SII,
Solvay BS-EM, ULB**Ilan Tojerow**Director DULBEA,
SII, Solvay BS-EM, ULB

This panel, moderated by **Ilan Tojerow**, brings together experts from academia, business, investment, and the public sector to discuss how impact is analysed, measured, and interpreted across different fields. Speakers include **William Parienté** (UCLouvain), **Céline Vaessen** (SFPI & SII), **Jérémy Levin** (Innoviris) and **Anaïs Périlleux** (UCLouvain). Together, they will explore perceptions of impact measurement and capture, highlighting methodological challenges and opportunities for more robust impact assessment.

AFTERNOON PANEL

Auditorium 5.503
(Pierre Drion)

Second Transversal Panel: Private and Public Entrepreneurship

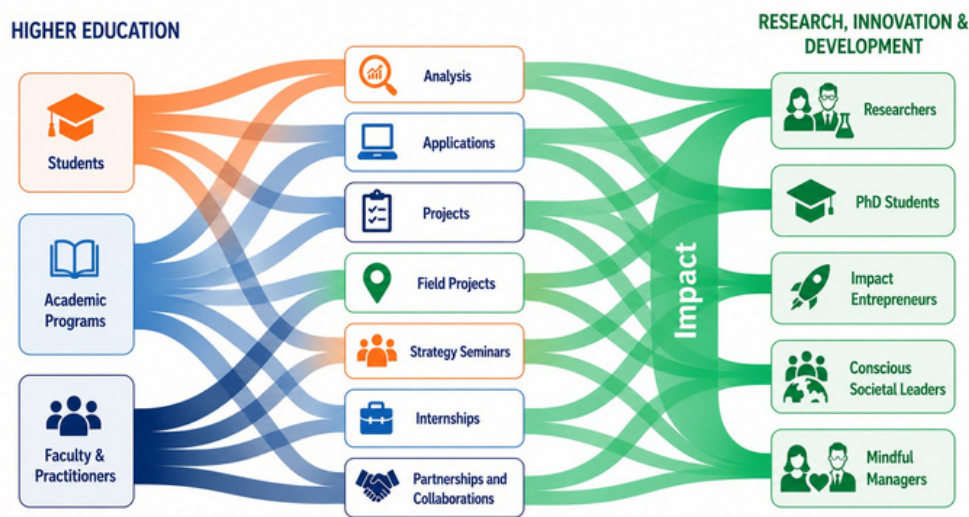
This panel, moderated by **Marek Hudon**, brings together leading figures from Belgium's entrepreneurial and impact ecosystem to explore how private and public actors drive innovation, social value, and systemic change.

**Muriel Bernard**CEO BeCentral -
Founder of eFarmz**Isabelle Grippa**CEO
hub.brussels**Jan Haemers**CEO Haemers
Technologies Group**Alexandre Helson**co-CEO Chief Spectaculoos
Maison Dandoy**Martin Ophoven**Cultural shifter
SEMod**Marek Hudon**SII, CERMi, CEESE,
CEBRIG, Solvay BS-EM,
ULB

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Speakers include **Jan Haemers** (CEO, Haemers Technologies Group), **Muriel Bernard** (CEO, BeCentral and Founder of eFarmz), **Isabelle Grippa** (CEO, hub.brussels), as well as **Alexandre Helson** (Co-CEO Chief Spectaculoos Officer, Maison Dandoy) & **Martin Ophoven** (Cultural shifter, SEMod). Additional contributors may include prominent impact-driven entrepreneurs active in Belgium. Together, they will discuss how entrepreneurship, across sectors and organisational models, can generate societal impact, address public challenges, and shape new forms of value creation.

The Solvay Impact Institute acts as a catalyst between higher education and research



In 1903, the Solvay Business School was founded in response to the defining challenge of its era: to supply the talented managers Belgium needed to sustain its industrial boom and secure its standing on the international stage at the dawn of the 20th century. Ernest Solvay's pioneering vision, brought to life within ULB and VUB, became a powerful engine for teaching and research in the management sciences.

As we enter the second quarter of the 21st century, the challenges confronting business schools have changed in nature, yet they continue to demand boldness and creativity across teaching, research and service to society. Amid profound social and environmental transformation, in a world that grows ever harder to decipher, the traditional model of the business school must give way to a new one. Expectations are high: business schools are now called upon to help students uncover their higher purpose and to cultivate it alongside the competences they need to become conscious societal leaders, researchers and doers who turn ideas into impact.

The Solvay Impact Institute builds on the distinctive strengths cultivated in the Master in Business Engineering, a programme whose rare blend of managerial and scientific competences equips graduates to step in as the connecting link the innovation ecosystem so often lacks — ready to understand, foster and channel much-needed innovations toward the investors, managers and leaders who can bring them to life and scale them up. Within this model, field projects, business cases and master's research become the antechamber to longer-term, sustained research carried out with partner firms, funds, NGOs and the public sector. The Institute thus acts as a catalyst, demonstrating that, within a business school, higher education, its real-world application and academic research can belong to a single, symbiotic ecosystem — in all its diversity.

SOME FIELD PROJECTS

rare earths	viability of NGO business models
e-mobility strategy	sustainability plans
mental health of managers	re-use of brewery waste
lower-CO ₂ cement	optimisation agri flows
urgency plans of hospitals	new insurance model & platform
battery recycling	life cycle process design

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PROJECTS
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The Research Centers behind the Solvay Impact Institute

The summit draws on decades of rigorous research from four leading institutes at Solvay Brussels School, each bringing distinct expertise, common ambition, and a shared commitment to evidence-based, socially relevant knowledge.

CEBRIG

CENTRE EMILE BERNHEIM FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN MANAGEMENT

The interdisciplinary heart of Solvay research, structured around eight areas spanning finance, strategy, governance, human resources, economic history and innovation. CEBRIG coordinates the PhD programme in management sciences and brings together Regular and Associate Fellows across disciplines.

FINANCE

STRATEGY

GOVERNANCE

HR & LABOUR

INNOVATION



DULBEA

DEPARTEMENT D'ECONOMIE APPLIQUEE - ULB

Since 1956, DULBEA has been the applied economics reference for Belgian governments and institutions. With decades of advisory contracts at national and regional level, DULBEA excels at translating rigorous microeconomic analysis into actionable policy, on health, gender, labour, and regional development.

APPLIED MICRO

HEALTH ECON

LABOUR

GENDER

POLICY



CERMi

CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH IN MICROFINANCE (MEMBER OF THE CEBRIG)

A pioneer in the scientific study of microfinance, financial inclusion and social performance. CERMi investigates both at ULB and UMONS how financial tools can empower excluded populations and what evidence demonstrates real social impact, connecting academic rigour with the practitioner world of impact investing and social finance.

MICROFINANCE

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

SOCIAL PERFORMANCE



CEESE

CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL STUDIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT (MEMBER OF THE CEBRIG)

Founded in 1972 after the Stockholm UN Conference, CEESE is a multidisciplinary research team analysing economy-society-environment interactions. Its work includes the assessment of externalities and the development of analytical tools such as cost-benefit analysis and life cycle approaches.

ENERGY TRANSITION

JUST TRANSITION

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

SUSTAINABILITY



The summit is designed so that each track and plenary session explicitly connects themes across institutes, linking financial evidence to policy recommendations, microfinance insights to welfare pricing, and environmental transitions to governance frameworks.

WHY ATTEND & SUPPORT

Invest in Ideas that Move the World

By attending, you join a community committed to moving beyond rhetoric and into real, cross-sector collaboration. By supporting the summit, you invest in thought leadership, policy advancement, and responsible business practices across finance, pricing and policy.

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Attend the Summit

Register now to secure your place. The summit is open to invited stakeholders of the CEBRIG, DULBEA, CERMi and CEESE networks and to the broader impact investing and financing community.

Support the Initiative

Become a partner of the Solvay Impact Institute First Summit. Sponsorship opportunities are available for organisations committed to advancing impact-driven decision-making across sectors.

THEMES CROSSING ALL SESSIONS

- Impact Measurement
- Governance & Policy
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Carbon Pricing
- Labour & Welfare
- Microfinance & Inclusion
- ESG & Sustainable Finance
- Philanthropy & Blended Finance
- Energy Transition

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