

DACT ACADEMY

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Risk Management &
Corporate Finance in
Academic Context

13+14 November 2025 | Location: Van der Valk Hotel Breukelen

We are pleased to announce the return of the DACT Academy for its fourth edition! This prestigious two-day event features a carefully curated academic program designed to enrich the expertise of both young treasurers and experienced professionals.

THE DACT ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

The DACT Academy not only provides essential professional knowledge but also equips you with the soft skills and techniques needed to thrive in your role.

WHAT TO ANTICIPATE:

- In-depth academic knowledge sharing in the field of treasury
- Interactive lectures led by renowned professors and experts
- A strong focus on practical, real-world applications
- Specialized Soft Skills Training session

MARK YOUR CALENDER:

Thursday, 13 November 2025 (13:00) – Friday, 14 November 2025 (17:00)

The program includes a Meet & Greet, dinner and lunch, and overnight accommodation, and will be conducted entirely in English. All participants who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Participation.

The DACT Academy not only provides you with essential professional knowledge but also equips you with crucial job skills and techniques (soft skills) necessary for your role.



SPEAKERS Our speakers this year are:



Prof. dr. D.J. Bezemer
University of Groningen



Prof. Arnoud Boot
University of Amsterdam



Martin Visser
Financial Journalist,
author, commentator
and speaker



Gerrie Lenting
Partner Reputation &
Financial Crime at Deloitte



Dr. Henk Oosterhout
Managing Director
at QVO Values



Albert Hollema
International Finance
Executive / CFO



Arthur Brand
Art & Fraud Expert



Dr. Marilieke Engbers
In addition to coaching executives and supervisory board members, Marilieke conducts academic research on governance from a behavioral perspective and is the author of the books *Onder Commissarissen* and *Eenzaam aan de top*.

*Curious about
our speakers?
Click on the
names to find
out more!*

THE ROLE OF THE TREASURER

The role of the treasurer is complex and essential, primarily focused on providing comprehensive support to the organization and the CFO. Key responsibilities include effective management of critical components such as the organization's balance sheet (Corporate Finance Management), financial resources (Treasury Operations), and risk mitigation (Financial Risk Management). Additionally, the treasurer acts as a strategic business partner to the CFO, working closely with essential corporate functions like Control, Tax, Accounting, and Legal. This partnership extends to supporting various units within the organization, including business units and sales teams.

In leading the establishment of policies and ensuring the smooth execution of diverse treasury operations, the treasurer not only manages a team of professionals but also optimizes staffing and promotes team development.

Throughout the DACT Academy, we will highlight these three essential pillars of the treasury profession, with a central focus on how a crisis can be turned into an opportunity, exploring new perspectives, strategies, and chances for growth.



HUMAN SKILLS TRAINING

For treasurers who want more!



The DACT Academy offers more than just professional knowledge – it equips you with indispensable job skills and vital soft skills. The training is offered in English and Dutch. This year, Debat.nl will be hosting our human skills training on Friday afternoon.

The “**Calm in Chaos**” training by Debat.nl helps treasury professionals strengthen their ability to lead effectively under pressure. Participants learn how the brain reacts to stress and how emotions and subconscious patterns can influence communication. Through practical techniques, they discover how to turn stress into structure and maintain clarity during complex or high-stakes discussions. The session focuses on guiding teams toward well-supported decisions, even when facing uncertainty or conflicting interests. By the end, participants gain greater self-awareness, confidence, and composure in leading conversations during critical moments.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER



13:15 – 13:30 Opening by DACT

Welcome and introduction to the 2025 theme.

13:30 – 14:30 “The End of the Pax Dollar Era?”

By **Prof. dr. D.J. Bezemer** – University of Groningen

This lecture offers an analytical overview of the global monetary system and the evolving role of the U.S. dollar. It explores the historical foundations of reserve currencies, the privileges and pressures of dollar dominance, and the key factors undermining its status - from trade imbalances and debt to shifting geopolitical dynamics. Attention is given to potential competitors such as the euro, yen, and yuan, as well as emerging alternatives like cryptocurrencies and central bank digital currencies. The presentation concludes with forward-looking insights on whether we are witnessing the end of the “Pax Dollar” era, the rise of regional currency blocs, and the practical implications for trade, liquidity, and financial risk management.



[Prof. dr. D.J. Bezemer](#)

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:00 “Time of Disruption: How Far, How Quick?”

By **Prof. Arnoud Boot** – University of Amsterdam

The growing financial innovation, the emergence of fintech, BigTech and BigData, the blurring lines between banks and other markets participants, the rapid regulation changes (genius Act), announce all major impacts for the future of banking. Will it be the end of the banks as we know them? What will the financial sector look like, what could we imagine next in terms of regulation and how it will affect corporate treasury.



[Prof. Arnoud Boot](#)

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17:30 “What Will the Next Financial Crisis Look Like?”

By **Martin Visser** – Financial Journalist, author, commentator and speaker

A forward-looking analysis of geopolitical, monetary, and regulatory risk factors.



[Martin Visser](#)

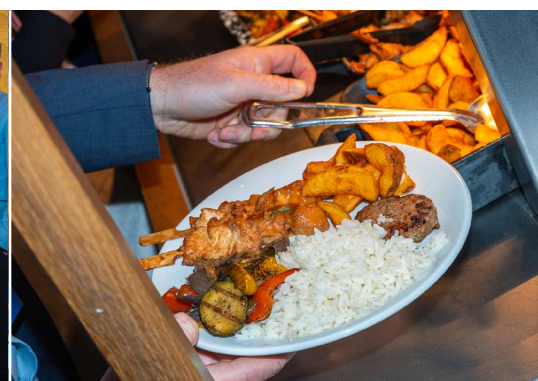
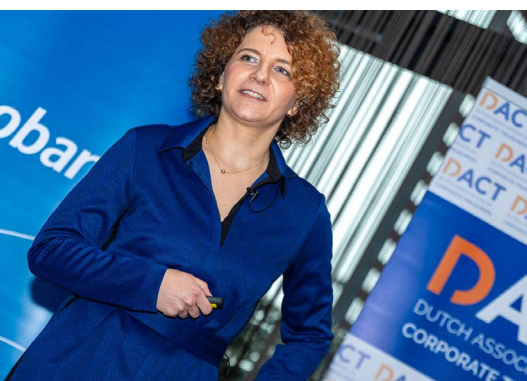
17:30 – 18:00 Thesis Award Ceremony

Presentation of top three theses and announcement of the winner.

Thesis Award sponsored by:

**Treasurer
Search**

18:00 – 21:00 Dinner & Networking Drinks



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FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER



07:00 DACT RUN Sponsored by Treasurer Search

09:00 – 10:00 “Fraud and the Art Business”

By **Arthur Brand** – Art & Fraud Expert

An intriguing look into deception, money, and value in the global art world.



[Arthur Brand](#)

10:00 – 10:20 Coffee Break

10:20 – 11:00 “Fraud & Payments”

By **Gerrie Lenting** – Partner - Reputation & Financial Crime at Deloitte

Explore Why and How fraud happens and learn to prevent and respond.



[Gerrie Lenting](#)

11:00 – 12:00 “Private Equity & Corporate Treasury”

By **Dr. Henk Oosterhout** – Managing Director at QVO Values &

Albert Hollema – International Finance Executive / CFO

This session explores how private equity (PE) has become a major force in global financing. Participants will gain insight into how PE firms operate, their historical development, key transactions, and the typical investment cycle from acquisition to exit. The academic section introduces the PE financial toolkit - valuation methods, deal structuring, and performance metrics. The practical part examines how PE ownership reshapes the role of the corporate treasurer, influencing liquidity, working capital, debt, and risk management.



[Dr. Henk Oosterhout](#)

12:00 – 12:15 – Short Break

12:15 – 13:00 “Boardroom Dynamics and the Invisible Risk of Power”

By **Dr. Marilieke Engbers** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Exploring how power, silence, and bias shape decision-making - and how treasurers can be a constructive counterforce.



[Albert Hollema](#)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Human Skills Training by Debat.nl

“Calm in Chaos: Leading Conversations During Uncertainty”

A hands-on session designed for treasury professionals who face complex, high-pressure situations. Learn to think clearly, communicate effectively, and lead with confidence during uncertainty.



[Dr. Marilieke Engbers](#)

Author
of the book
Onder
Commissarissen

16:00 – 16:30 Closure & Certificate Ceremony

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