

DACT ACADEMY 2026

RISK MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

 Thursday 12 November 2026

 09:15 - 18:00

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Time	Session
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome by the DACT chair and Rabobank Maaïke Vermeulen, Chair DACT en Hans Deusing, Head Corporate Risk & Treasury Management Europe & Africa, Rabobank
09:30 - 10:30	The influence of modern digital technology on our lives Rens van der Vorst – Tech philosopher How do we build a healthier relationship with digital technology, help create a world with better tech – and how do you become a ‘digital gremlin’?
10:30 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK
10:45 - 12:00	Cryptocurrency expansion and monetary sovereignty Edoardo D. Martino – University of Amsterdam Dollar-backed stablecoins may reinforce dollar dominance worldwide – with opportunities, but also risks to monetary sovereignty in the EU. Stablecoin risks, MiCA versus the GENIUS Act, and the digital euro as Europe’s answer. ROUND TABLE What stablecoins mean for treasurers in practice: international payments, trapped cash, bank initiatives and the watch-outs. Corporate Treasurer · Menno Middeldorp (Global Head of Research, Rabobank) · Edoardo D. Martino
12:00 - 12:15	BREAK
12:15 - 13:00	Risk management in the tech age Thu Nguyen – Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University The limits of risk models such as VaR, black swans from LTCM to subprime – and whether AI-driven analytics removes knowledge bias or creates new blind spots.
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 - 15:00	Strategy and leadership adaptation to the digital age Roland van der Vorst – Advisor to the Board, Rabobank How AI reshapes organisations and business models – and the leadership, decision-making and future skills that treasury, finance and risk functions will need.
15:00 - 16:00	Better Choices. Better Results Ilke Oner – Neuropsychologist What makes a risk worth taking? How do you decide when you cannot know the outcome – and is playing safe sometimes the biggest risk of all?
16:00 - 16:30	BREAK
16:30 - 17:15	Treasury Thesis Award The three The three finalists each present their thesis in seven minutes, followed by the award thesis and pitch why their research is of interest for the treasury community. Sponsored by: Treasurer Search
17:15	DRINKS & BITES



SPEAKERS

Leading academics and practitioners on risk, technology and leadership



Edoardo D. Martino

Associate Professor of Law & Finance,
University of Amsterdam

Edoardo's research spans in the broad field of Law & Finance, currently focusing on sustainable banking regulation, private money regulation and bank recovery.



Thu N.M. Nguyen

Lecturer in Finance, Rotterdam School
of Management, Erasmus University

Thu's research explores trends in financial markets, including market concentration, institutional ownership, and factor investing, and examines how these trends shape risks in financial markets.



Rens van der Vorst

Tech philosopher

On our relationship with digital technology



Roland van der Vorst

Advisor to the Board, Rabobank

On strategy and leadership in the digital age



Ilke Oner

Neuropsychologist

On the neuropsychology of choices and risk