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## **Keynote speaker announced for TMA Europe's Eastern European event**

A speech outlining the future of CEE banking will kick-start an evening of debate on the economic environment in Eastern Europe at TMA Europe's next conference in the spring.

Ralf Zeitlberger, Head of Group Corporate Workout at the Erste Group Bank AG, Austria, has been announced as the keynote speaker at the third annual Eastern European conference taking place in Prague on Wednesday, 16 March, 2016. The conference follows two very successful events held at the National Bank of Romania in Bucharest, with last year's attended by more than 120 delegates.

The 2016 event, being hosted by The Czech National Bank, is called Investment and Innovation - Restructuring and Reform in CEE, and will again focus on the specific challenges and opportunities for turnaround professionals working in this region.

In his speech Mr Zeitlberger will focus on the impact of EU banking regulations on the ability of the banks to support distressed businesses as well as reflecting on the consolidation and restructuring going on in the banking sector.

The speech will set the scene for the conference which will also see panel debates on non-performing loans and private equity buying into CEE.

Lukas Fecker, President of TMA Europe, said: "I am thrilled Mr Zeitlberger has agreed to give our keynote speech and am really looking forward to hearing his thoughts and views on the future of banking in this region, particularly in light of new regulatory requirements.

"His speech forms part of a really exciting programme and line-up of speakers for our third annual Eastern European event. I would encourage my European turnaround colleagues not to miss the opportunity to come along and share in the debates about the issues affecting us all."

The conference will also include an opening speech by Greg Fine, CEO of TMA Global, and there will also be plenty of networking opportunities before and after the speeches and panels.

The event, which runs from 4pm until 8pm, is free to attend but pre-registration is essential. To find out more and to reserve your place see [www.tma-europe.org](http://www.tma-europe.org) or email [mcaruana@tma-europe.org](mailto:mcaruana@tma-europe.org)

### **Note to editors**

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