

NextGen 2026
Brussels from the Inside
17-18 November

**Beyond Succession:
The Future of Family
Businesses**



Day One - 17 November 2026

Location: Silversquare Europe. 35 Square de Meeûs, Brussels

11.00h | Registration

11.30h | Welcome & Introductions

12.00h | Inside EFB: Shaping the Future of Family Enterprise

Discovering the role of European Family Businesses and the opportunities for the next generation.

12.30h -13.30h | Lunch

14.30h | European Parliament: Meeting with MEP Fernando Navarrete Rojas and Moderated Q&A

Group Photo at the European Parliament and return to Silversquare.

16.00h | Coffee Break

16.30h | A family Business Story: Lessons Across Generations

18.00h | Networking Activity

20.00h | Dinner

Day Two – 18 November

Location: to be confirmed

09.00h | EY Presentation*

9.30h | The Policies Shaping Tomorrow's Family Businesses

Presentation by Darius Movaghar and Joana Peixinho, Policy Advisors at EFB.

From the Industrial Accelerator Act to the Business Transfers Recommendation and the Union of Skills. During this session we will discuss the current policies EFB is working on and how they impact family businesses.

10.30h | Making Ownership Visible

Presentation by Stefano Orioli, DBA candidate and Adjunct Professor at IE University (Q&A)

Drawing on a research collaboration between IE Business School and European Family Businesses, this session explores how ownership concerns travel into European policymaking, why a strong collective voice is what makes ownership visible, and how this generation can build on the work of those who came before. Because in a Europe whose competitiveness depends on long-term ownership, making ownership visible is no longer just a family matter — it is a European one.

Day Two – 18 November

Location: to be confirmed

11.00h | Coffee Break

11.30h | Academic talk by Prof. Dr. Raphaëlle Mattart, Expert in Governance and Family Business Dynamics*

12.15h | Lunch

13.30 – 13.45 | Closing Reflections

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