

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Secretary General

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Maria is Secretary General of the European Investment Fund (EIF), responsible for the institutional and corporate aspects of EIF's activity, including the efficient functioning of the EIF's governing bodies, such as the Board of Directors and the EIF's General Meeting, comprising the European Investment Bank, the European Commission and, currently, 30 financial institution shareholders. Maria also manages and promotes the EIF relationship with key stakeholders and EIF's communication and research functions. Maria is currently chairing the Investment and Risk Committee of EIF.

Maria is also acting as General Counsel and, as such, she is responsible for all legal aspects of the EIF's activity, including various types of debt financing, micro-finance, structured finance, venture capital and private equity investments, mezzanine investments, technology transfer, and other types of financing.

Maria has over 25 years of experience working with finance and corporate matters. Before joining EIF in 1995, Maria worked in private practice for close to 10 years and advised on a broad range of transactions in an international context, including, among other things, asset backed financing and project financing.

Maria holds a LL.B from the University of Lund. She was admitted to the Swedish bar in 1993. Maria has been a member of EVCA's Tax and Legal Committee for many years and has, among other things, participated as an expert in European initiatives to improve the European environment for private equity.

Maria has given lectures in, among other things, the annual private equity course "Institutional Private Equity Investing" provided jointly by Oxford University and EVCA.