

Press Release

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IPSO Screens German Film Première of “Adults in the Room” by Costa-Gavras in the ECB



- World renowned Film Director Costa-Gavras came in person to present his latest movie at the European Central Bank.
- Scenario based on Yanis Varoufakis political memoirs.
- Story depicts attempts of the newly elected Greek Government to renegotiate the bailout conditions imposed by the Eurogroup and European Institutions in 2015.
- Future ECB President Christine Lagarde said to have called for the need to have “Adults in the Room” during the Eurogroup meetings.
- The Avant-Première was followed by an intense discussion between ECB staff and Mr Costa-Gavras.

ECB Staff Union IPSO held the German Avant-Première of “Adults in the Room” at the European Central Bank, Frankfurt on 9 October 2019. World renowned Film Director Costa-Gavras and his wife Michèle Ray-Gavras, who produced it, personally presented the movie and discussed it with an audience of ECB staff after the screening.

The latest movie of Costa-Gavras is based on Yanis Varoufakis’ book which has the same title – a quote of the future ECB president and former head of the IMF, Christine Lagarde.

Costa-Gavras gave artistic insights and views into Varoufakis’ account of the Greek Financial Crisis and his attempt to renegotiate the bailout of his country with the Eurogroup and European Institutions, including the European Central Bank.

After watching the movie, the many ECB staff present in the room conveyed their appreciation for the talent of Costa-Gavras as a movie-maker and the courage he had to come to defend his movie personally at the ECB. The discussion in the room was very intense and intellectually insightful.

This monumental showing also allowed audience members the unique opportunity to ask this creative team why they choose this book to film and how they went about developing the script. Costa-Gavras expressed how, as a Greek, he was himself moved by the events described in Varoufakis book and the tragic nature of the Greek crisis. Costa-Gavras as well stated that this is by no means a documentary but rather an artistic showing of Mr. Varoufakis work.

Interestingly, the film includes a portrayal of the incumbent ECB President Christine Lagarde, which provides some foreshadowing of her diplomatic abilities.

IPSO regularly organizes in-house events to foster critical debate and thinking within the ECB.



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