

# FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Live Online Classroom, 24-25 September 2026



Building on our [Introduction to Private Equity on-demand e-learning](#), this practical session is designed around an interactive business simulation game where participants step into the shoes of fund managers and experience the full PE fund investment cycle, from forming a PE fund to exiting and raising a subsequent fund.

Lead by experienced practitioners, participants will:

- Work in teams to raise funds, invest in promising companies & exit them
- Discuss the different stages in PE & VC investments and understand their implications in terms of team support
- Perform more efficiently thanks to a better understanding of the private equity context

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" The course explains all the different stages and aspects of PE in a "simple" way, allowing the participants to engage via the group work."

2025 Course Alumni

## LEADING SPEAKERS



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**Aruna Arasu** is the co-founder of **Speak Invest AG**. Previously, Aruna was heading the Alpha Associates legal team and was responsible for all legal, structuring, tax and regulatory matters of the private equity, private debt and infrastructure funds-of-funds and investment programs managed by Alpha Associates. Before that, she spent three years as an associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in the London and Beijing offices, where she worked on mergers and acquisitions, financings and tax matters. Aruna is a UK qualified Barrister and Solicitor and completed her degree at Magdalen College, Oxford.



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**Liz Judd** has more than 20 years of experience as a lawyer advising PE fund managers and other financial services businesses. Liz was partner and general counsel at **Bowmark Capital**, which she joined in 2025 as to manage and develop the firm's legal and compliance functions. Liz was previously a partner, general counsel and compliance officer at STAR Capital, where she was responsible for the firm's legal and compliance functions. Prior to that, Liz worked in the corporate teams of Clifford Chance LLP and then SJ Berwin LLP. She has a BA (Hons) from the University of Manchester and is a qualified solicitor.

## PROGRAMME

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### Day One

13:00 - 13:30 CET	Introduction of the speaker & participants
13:30 - 14:30 CET	What is PE and who are the key players?
14:30 - 14:40 CET	BREAK
14:40 - 15:30 CET	Building a partnership: creation of a fund management company
15:30 - 15:40 CET	BREAK
15:40 - 16:30 CET	Building a portfolio: due diligence and portfolio constitution

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### Day Two

09:00 - 09:50 CET	Building a company: managing growth of portfolio companies & exits
09:50 - 10:00 CET	BREAK
10:00 - 10:50 CET	Building a future: exits
10:50 - 11:00 CET	BREAK
11:00 - 12:00 CET	Fundraising & fund structuring; responsible investment

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*“The interactive nature of the training and the group work really helped with understanding all the key points!”*

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## COURSE PREREQUISITES

We highly recommend that all attendees of the Foundation for Support Staff Online Training attend our on-demand e-learning [Introduction to Private Equity](#) covering the essential industry definitions and relationships that learners will need to know to be able to participate effectively in the discussions of our live online classroom training.

## REGISTRATION

Invest Europe member price: €756  
Non-member price: €1080

To register for the Foundation for Support Staff Online Training, follow the [link](#). For more information, contact Elena Vasileva at [training@investeurope.eu](mailto:training@investeurope.eu).