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## **From KTN to future Knowledge Transfer in the Financial Services**

### Abstract

The financial services Knowledge Transfer Network started in 2009 and ended on 31st March this year as a result of changing strategic imperatives at its principle funder, the Technology Strategy Board. During my talk I will take you on a journey around Financial Services, how Knowledge Transfer had a role to play in changing models, behaviours and the regulatory landscape for the sector, and how KT can continue to benefit sector in the future. I describe how the KTN operated, its relationship with the ESRC, a relationship that has perpetuated beyond the life of the KTN, and give examples of key issues addressed by the KTN and how it addressed them. I will move to examples of challenges that need to be addressed for the FS sector and emergent topics for future consideration. Examples will be drawn from the worlds of Pensions Funds, Catastrophe Risk modelling for the Insurance sector and Crowdfunding.

### Biography

Chris is the former co-Director of the Financial Services Knowledge Transfer network (FSKTN) and is co-lead on FiNexus, a programme to build a series of research and innovation centres in the UK for financial services. He is an authority on pension fund costs and complexity, innovation in financial services and on the operational management of derivatives for the buy-side and has advised a wide range of market participants including investment managers, service providers, brokers and IT vendors on strategic and operational issues. Chris was previously a director of London-based Alpha Financial Markets Consulting, a buy-side strategy and benchmarking consultancy. He also spent several years as a consultant at CSTIM (Morse) and AT Kearney. Before coming to the City and after completing his PhD, Chris was a police officer in Edinburgh.