

## **EPC Annual Conference 2024**

### **Leading Europe in the new era: What skills and strategies do we need?**

**Thursday, 5 December, 14:00-18:30**

**Location:** Thon EU Hotel, Rue de la Loi 75, 1047 Brussels

**Moderator:** Jacki Davis

**14.00-14.15**

#### **Welcome**

**Brigid Laffan**, President of the EPC

**14.15-14.30**

#### **Keynote conversation: EU leadership in a time of global instability**

**Valdis Dombrovskis**, European Commissioner for Economy and Productivity, Implementation and Simplification

**14.30-15.25**

#### **Panel discussion: The new era & its challenges for leadership**

**Nathalie Tocci**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali

**Aleksandra Tomanić**, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans

**Loukas Tsoukalis**, President, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

**Janis A. Emmanouilidis**, Director of Studies, EPC

**15.25-15.30**

#### **Transition to breakout sessions**

**15.30-16.30**

#### **Parallel breakout sessions**

*Panels diving into challenges and prospects for EU leadership in different policy areas*

#### **1. Russia's war in Ukraine: why the new EU leadership needs a strategy for Ukraine's victory**

**Petras Auštrevičius**, Member of the European Parliament

**Anton Hofreiter**, Member of the German Parliament

**Hanna Hopko**, Co-Founder, International Center for Ukrainian Victory

**Ian Lesser**, Distinguished Fellow and Advisor to the President, German Marshall Fund of the United States

**Kristi Raik**, Deputy Director & Head of Foreign Policy Programme, International Centre for Defense and Security

**Amanda Paul**, Senior Policy Analyst and Deputy Head of Programme, EPC (moderator)

## **2. The Green transition after the European elections: Navigating between necessity and political reality**

**Heather Grabbe**, Senior Fellow, Bruegel  
**Audrey-Flore Ngomisk**, CEO, Trianon Scientific Communication  
**Philipp Offenber**, Director of Europe, Breakthrough Energy  
**Stefan Sipka**, Senior Policy Analyst and Head of Programme, EPC  
(moderator)

## **3. How can the EU size up to US-China strategic rivalry and consolidate its economic security?**

*Opening remarks:* **Sabine Weyand**, Director General for Trade and Economic security, European Commission

**Giles Dickson**, CEO, WindEurope  
**Elvire Fabry**, Senior Research Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute  
**Anthony Gooch Gálvez**, Secretary General, European Round Table for Industry  
**Georg Riekeles**, Associate Director and Head of Programme, EPC  
(moderator)

## **4. The future of work & AI: Europe's leadership in managing AI's workplace transformations**

**Maja Fjaestad**, former State Secretary, Sweden  
**Anna Ludwinek**, Liaison Manager, Eurofound  
**Anna Milanez**, Labour Market Economist, OECD  
**Elizabeth Kuiper**, Associate Director and Head of Programme, EPC  
(moderator)

**16.30-17.00**

### **Marketplace & coffee break**

*Interactive corner discussions continue during the coffee break, focusing on issues such as EU defence and security, digital policies, EU democracy, enlargement, as well as the climate & migration nexus.*

**17.00-17.05**

### **Transition to plenary**

**17.05-18.00**

### **Opportunities, forecasts & recommendations for EU leadership**

**Olumide Abimbola**, Executive Director, APRI  
**Lykke Friis**, Director, Think Tank Europa  
**Declan Kelleher**, Chair of the Governing Board, EPC  
**Sara Pantuliano**, Chief Executive, ODI  
**Almut Möller**, Director for European and Global Affairs, EPC

**18.00-18.20**

### **Final keynote address**

**Andrius Kubilius**, European Commissioner for Defence and Space

**18.20-18.30**

### **Concluding remarks**

**Fabian Zuleeg**, Chief Executive, EPC

**18.30**

### **Reception**