



## **EPC Annual Conference 2024**

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

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

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

**Moderator:** Jacki Davis

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**14.00-14.15**

#### **Welcome**

**Brigid Laffan**, President of the EPC

**14.15-14.30**

#### **Opening session: leadership in a new era**

*will be announced shortly*

**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 Austrevicius**, 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 & 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 Offenberger**, Director of Europe, Breakthrough Energy

**Stefan Sipka**, Senior Policy Analyst & Head of Programme, EPC (moderator)

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

**Dragos Tudorache**, Former Member of the European Parliament  
**Giles Dickson**, CEO, WindEurope (tbc)  
**Elvire Fabry**, Senior Research Fellow at the Jacques Delors Institute  
**Sabine Weyand**, Director General for Trade, EU Commission  
**Georg Riekeles**, Associate Director & Head of Programme, EPC  
(moderator)

**4. Leading on the Future of work & AI**

**Maja Fjaestad**, former State Secretary, Sweden  
**Anna Milanez**, Economist, OECD  
**Elizabeth Kuiper**, Associate Director & Head of Programme, EPC  
(moderator)  
*other speakers will be confirmed*

**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  
**Sara Pantuliano**, Chief Executive, ODI  
**Daniela Schwarzer**, Board Member, Bertelsmann Stiftung  
**Almut Möller**, Director for European and Global Affairs, EPC

**18.00-18.20**

**Final keynote address**

*will be announced shortly*

**18.20-18.30**

**Concluding remarks**

**Fabian Zuleeg**, Chief Executive, EPC

**18.30**

**Reception**