

PROGRAMME

The Future of Europe: Questions, Concepts and Actors

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9:30 **Registration and Coffee**

10:00 **Meeting of the Board of Trustees** (members only)

11:30 **Registration and Coffee**

11:45 **Meeting of the Academic Advisory Board** (members only)

13:00 **Lunch Break and Registration for the Annual Conference**

14:00 Words of Welcome

Dr. Werner HOYER, President of the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg; President of Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Frank SCHIMMELFENNIG, ETH Zurich; Chairman of the Academic Advisory Board of Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

14:15 **Kick-Off Keynote – The Future of Europe: Questions, Concepts and Actors**

Sibylle Katharina SORG, Director-General for European Affairs, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Moderated Discussion

Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

15:00 **Break**

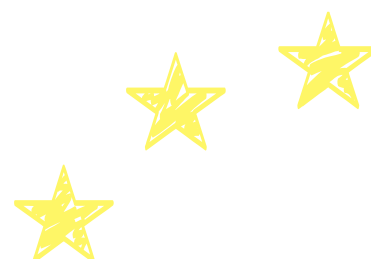
15:15 **Panel I – The Future of the EU’s Foreign, Security and Defence Policy**

Russia’s war against Ukraine is threatening the European Union (EU) as a peace project. In defence, the EU has taken tentative steps to increase its role also before the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, with its first ever strategic assessment, the Strategic Compass. The relevant role of NATO in the current crisis makes, however, also clear that efforts to strengthen the EU’s strategic autonomy need to be well-coordinated. At the same time, the EU has yet to take concrete steps to take responsibility for itself against global threats.

Impulse Statements

Olivier PORTOFF, Policy Planning Unit, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dr. Juha JOKELA, Programme Director, European Union Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs



Dr. Nicoletta PIROZZI, Head of Programme on European Union and Institutional Relations
Manager, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Moderator

Dr. Jana PUGLIERIN, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) Berlin

Discussion

16:30

Coffee Break

16:45

Panel II – The Future of the Rule of Law in Europe: What does it take?

Hungary, just like Poland, continuously violates the rule of law, undermines minority rights and media freedom as well as facilitates corruption, which is also a significant problem in Bulgaria. All measures previously applied by European institutions to curb the rule of law erosion in Hungary and Poland failed. Against this backdrop, the Commission, following the pressure from the European Parliament, is for the first time employing the rule of law conditionality mechanism. It remains an open question whether the current institutional set-up is sufficient to counter effectively rule of law violations within the EU.

Impulse Statements

Daniel FREUND, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels

Silke MÜLHERR, Head of External Relations and Deputy CEO, Alfred Landecker Foundation,
Berlin

Dr. Thu NGUYEN, Policy Fellow, Jacques-Delors Centre, Berlin

Moderator

Dr. Maria SKÓRA, RESILIO Project, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Discussion

18:00

Coffee Break



18:15 **“Book Slam” – Lessons learnt and the Way Forward for Germany and the EU**

Moderated by

Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

19:00 **Light Dinner Reception**



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09:30 **Panel III – The Future of the EU’s Economy**

Russia’s war against Ukraine, the resulting sanctions from the EU and the worldwide supply chain crisis have global economic effects. As already witnessed during the pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine is another external shock that will impact the bloc of EU members differently depending on national economies. The EU’s energy market dependency from Russia and growing inflation call for united and sustainable decisions, for example by extending joint borrowing programmes initiated during the pandemic or by re-deploying Covid-19 recovery funds.

Impulse Statements

Gaby BISCHOFF, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels

Prof. Dr. Christian CALLIESS, LL.M. Eur, Free University Berlin

Prof. Dr. Friedrich HEINEMANN, Leibniz-Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung ZEW, Universität Heidelberg

Dr. Daniel GROS, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

Moderator

Dr. Katharina GNATH, Senior Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin

Discussion

10:45 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Panel IV – The Future of EU’s Climate Policy: Internal and External Challenges**

Despite recent agreements on the legislative proposals in the ‘Fit for 55’ package and new strategies such as the REPowerEU Plan, an exacerbated climate crisis and rising energy prices call for further rapid reform measures. The EU’ still struggles with internal disagreements in achieving its long-ago agreed climate targets. At the same time, the EU needs to advance global action through climate diplomacy and cooperation initiatives, in order to ensure the effectiveness of development cooperation while building capacity to support partner countries in their efforts to achieve climate goals.

Impulse Statements

Prof. Dr. Gaby UMBACH, Part-time Professor and Director of GlobalStat at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute, Florence

Prof. Dr. Thomas DIEZ, Professor of Political Science, University of Tübingen, Tübingen

Elena HOFMANN, Advisor for EU Climate and Energy Policy, Dachverband der deutschen Natur-, Tier- und Umweltschutzorganisationen (DNR), Berlin



Moderator

Philipp JÄGER, Policy Fellow, Jacques Delors Centre, Berlin

Discussion

12:15

Conclusions and Outlook: Future Developments for Germany in Europe

Prof. Dr. Johannes POLLAK, Webster Vienna Private University; Chairman of the Executive Board of Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

12:30

End of the Conference

