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Full agenda

Europe's Choice: Is 2024 Europe's moment of reinvention?

The results of the European elections, and the subsequent French parliamentary election, are sending shockwaves across the continent. It comes on top of a series of geopolitical turbulences which have upended conventional wisdom across capitals on defence/security, trade, green tech, and enlargement. In this context, how can Europe retool to become a hard power in a world of deterrence and derisking? How can we best defend Ukraine, and stabilize the Middle East? How can we strategically manage interdependence, reduce risks, and forge new relationships with middle powers like those in Asia, Africa, and Latin America? Can we make 2024 the year of Europe's reinvention? Will Europe's fate be decided by Putin, Xi Jinping, or Trump, or can Europeans take their destiny into their own hands in 2024?

Coming together the week where France and the UK go to the polls, and between the EU's top jobs being decided and NATO's Washington summit, this year's ECFR Annual Council Meeting will seek to set Europe's new strategic course in 2024 and beyond.

Full list of participants (as of 27th Jun 2024)

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - Thursday, 4 July 2024

13.00 - 14.00

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING LUNCH | Auditorium

14.00 - 14.05

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS | Auditorium

- ♦ On the record, recorded and livestreamed
- León de la Torre, Managing Director, Casa de América
- **Lykke Friis**, Co-Chair, ECFR

14.05 - 14.20

ECFR INSIGHT | Auditorium

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DETERRING PUTIN AND PLANNING FOR TRUMP: WHAT DO EUROPEANS WANT FROM DEFENCE AND SECURITY?

Mark Leonard, Director, ECFR

14.25 - 14.45

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A SIDEBAR ON EUROPE'S GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGY

- Josep Borrell, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice President, the European Commission
- António Costa, Former Prime Minister, Portugal
- Moderated by: Arancha González Laya, Board of Trustees, ECFR

14.45 – 15.45 **PANEL** | *Auditorium*

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IS 2024 EUROPE'S HARD POWER MOMENT?

- Nathalie Loiseau, Member of the European Parliament
- **Diego Martínez Belío**, State Secretary for Foreign and Global Affairs, Spain
- **Stefano Sannino**, Secretary-General of the EU External Action Service (EEAS)
- Jonatan Vseviov, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- Moderated by: **Vessela Tcherneva**, Deputy Director, ECFR

15.45 - 16.30

NETWORKING BREAK

16.30 - 17.30

POLICY SALONS

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FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS: AN ANATOMY OF EU STRATEGIC CLIMATE PARTNERSHIPS

With impulses from:

- Arancha González Laya, Board of Trustees, ECFR
- Laurence Tubiana, Chief Executive Officer, European Climate Foundation
- Hosted by: Susi Dennison, Senior Director for Strategy and Transformation, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR

SMALL YARDS AND HIGH FENCES? COMPETING IN THE GLOBAL TECH RACE

With impulses from:

- Giorgia Abeltino, Director of Public Policy and South Europe, Google Italy
- **Anu Bradford**, Professor at Columbia Law School
- Hosted by: José Ignacio Torreblanca, Senior Policy Fellow and Head, ECFR Madrid

STRONGER TOGETHER - HOW CAN ENLARGEMENT FOSTER COLLECTIVE SECURITY FOR THE EU AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES?

With impulses from:

- Fernando Mariano Sampedro Marcos, State Secretary for the European Union, Spain
- Katarína Mathernová, Ambassador of the EU to Ukraine
- Nicu Popescu, former Deputy Prime Minister, Moldova
- Hosted by: Marie Dumoulin, Director, Wider Europe Programme, ECFR

♦ On the record, recorded

WARS AND SHADOW WARS: WHAT ARE EUROPE'S OPTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST? | Auditorium

- José Manuel Albares, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain
- Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
- Sigrid Kaag, Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza, UN
- Moderated by: Julien Barnes-Dacey, Director, Middle East and North Africa Programme, ECFR

19.00 - 20.00

TAPAS ON THE TERRACE

On the record

THE IDEA OF CHINA | The Terrace

- Mark Leonard, Director, ECFR
- Wang Jisi, President of the Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University
- Hosted by: Janka Oertel, Director, Asia Programme, ECFR

20.15 - 23.30

AN EVENING AT THE PRADO

After-hours, private tour followed by networking dinner I *Museo Nacional del Prado, C. de Ruiz de Alarcón, 23, Retiro, 28014 Madrid Dinner impulses by:*

- Javier Solana, Chairman of the Royal Board of Trustees, Prado Museum; President, EsadeGeo
- Timothy Garton Ash, Professor of European Studies, University of Oxford

DAY 2 - Friday, 5 July 2024

09.00 - 09.30

IN CONVERSATION

♦ Chatham House Rule

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S PHILOSOPHY IN HIS POTENTIAL SECOND TERM | The Terrace

- Rana Mitter, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China, Oxford University
- Alex Soros, Chair, Open Society Foundations

9.30 - 9.45

Transfer time

09.45 - 10.45

PANEL

♦ On the record, recorded

WHOSE ORDER IS IT ANYWAY? UNPACKING A MIDDLE POWERS-LED WORLD | Auditorium

- Wang Jisi, President of the Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University
- **Hina Rabbani Khar**, former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

- Sérgio Rodrigues, Head of the Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil
- Adebayo Olukoshi, Visiting Fellow, ECFR
- Moderated by: Jana Puglierin, Senior Policy Fellow and Head, ECFR Berlin

10.45 – 11.00 **TRANSFER TIME**

11.00 – 12.00

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BETWEEN A WAR AND A TRADE WAR: HOW WILL THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND US-CHINA TENSIONS AFFECT EUROPE'S DE-RISKING AGENDA? I Miguel de Cervantes

With impulses from:

- Cecilia Malmström, Senior Advisor, Covington & Burling LLP, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute
- **Elina Ribakova**, Peterson Institute, Brügel, Kyiv School of Economics
- Hosted by: Agathe Demarais, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR

CAN EUROPE BECOME A HARD POWER BY 2030? | Roa Bastos

With impulses from:

- Jean Marie Guéhenno, Director, Kent Program on Conflict Resolution, Columbia SIPA
- Julian King, former EU Commissioner for the Security Union
- Hosted by: Camille Grand, Distinguished Policy Fellow, ECFR

WILDCARD SESSION (THIS SESSION WILL BE VOTED ON BY OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THE START OF DAY 1). I Inca Garcilaso

12.00 - 12.30

COFFEE BREAK | Auditorium

12.30 - 12.45

ECFR INSIGHT | Auditorium

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Six scenarios in a second Trump presidency

• Celia Belin, Senior Policy Fellow and Head, ECFR Paris

12.45 – 13.45 **PANEL** | *Auditorium*

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PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY: HOW EUROPE CAN PREPARE FOR THE TRUMPIAN MAKE-OVER

- Alexandre Adam, Member of the Council of State, France
- Ivan Krastev, Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies
- Balázs Orbán, Political Director, Office of the Prime Minister of Hungary
- Moderated by: Jeremy Shapiro, Research Director & Director US Programme, ECFR

13.50 - 14.10

CLOSING

- ♦ On the record, recorded
- Teresa Ribera, Third Vice-President & Minister for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain
- **Carl Bildt**, Co-chair, ECFR

14.15 - 15.00

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