



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 April 2024
Rue du Trône, 14-16 1000 Brussels

14.00 Registration and welcome coffee

14.00-14.30 Welcome and keynote addresses

Welcome by the European Policy Centre

Keynote addresses and short moderated conversation: EU industrial policy in a fragmenting world economy

- **Roland Lescure**, Minister for Industry and Energy, France
- **Jordi Hereu**, Minister for Industry and Tourism, Spain

Moderated by Georg Riekeles, Associate Director, European Policy Centre

14.30-17.15 Panel discussions

14.30 Panel 1: Taking stock of the closing mandate: achievements and challenges going forward on EU industrial policy

- **Gildas Barreyre**, Secretary-General, SEQENS
- **Sylvie Lemoine**, Deputy Director General, CEFIC
- **Kerstin Jorna**, Director General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- **Žygimantas Vaičiūnas**, Director, European Solar Manufacturing Council and former Minister for Energy, Lithuania
- **Heiko Willems**, Director, BDI/BDA The German Business Representation

Moderated by Elizabeth Kuiper, Associate Director, European Policy Centre

15.45 Coffee break

16.00 Panel 2: Between protecting and promoting: how to build Europe's technological competitiveness and prevent the key dependencies of tomorrow?

- **Lucas Lenchant**, Senior Adviser, European Investment Bank
- **Ulrich Mans**, Strategic Partnership Lead, Quantum Delta NL

- **Lucilla Sioli**, Director for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Industry, European Commission
- **Marie-France van der Valk**, Head of European Affairs, MEDEF Movement of the Enterprises of France
- **Marine Xech-Gaspa**, Chief of Staff to the CEO, Quandela

Moderated by Georg Riekeles, Associate Director European Policy Centre

17.15-18.00 End of the conference

17.15 Drinks and canapés

18.00 End of the conference