



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 10 January 2024
Rue du Trône, 14-16 1000 Brussels

13.30 Registration and welcome coffee

14.00–14.45 Keynote Address by Commissioner Thierry Breton

*14.00 Scene-setter: **Europe facing geopolitical upheaval & permacrisis***

Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive & Chief Economist, European Policy Centre

*14.15 Keynote Address: **Economic security: A new paradigm for Europe***

Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for the Internal Market

14.45–18.00 Panel discussions

*14.45 **Panel 1: Taking stock of the von der Leyen Commission: How has it faced economic crises and transitions?***

Marco Buti, Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa Chair, European University Institute

Elizabeth Kuiper, Associate Director, European Policy Centre

Danuta Hübner, Member of the European Parliament

Malte Lohan, Director General, Orgalim – Europe's Technology Industries

Paweł Świeboda, Senior Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre (Moderator)

15.45 Coffee break

*16.00 **Panel 2: Europe's competitiveness challenge: How to make the EU regulatory environment fit for business?***

*Presentation of takeaways from EIB-EPC report "**Europe's Mid-caps: Hidden champions, missed opportunities?**" by **Debora Revoltella**, Chief Economist, European Investment Bank*

Hildegard Bentele, Member of the European Parliament

Sylvie Grandjean, Chairwoman of REDEX and Vice-President of Mouvement des Entreprises de Taille Intermédiaire

Kerstin Jorna, Director General, DG GROW, European Commission (tbc)

EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS AND ECONOMIC SECURITY: TOWARDS A NEW STRATEGIC AGENDA

Debora Revoltella, Chief Economist, European Investment Bank

Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive & Chief Economist, European Policy Centre

Philipp Lausberg, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (Moderator)

17.00 Panel 3: *EU economic statecraft for European economic security: Does Europe have the will and capacity to act?*

*Presentation of takeaways from EPC discussion paper "**EU economic statecraft for European economic security**" by **Pawel Swieboda**, Senior Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre*

Wouter Baljon, EU Government Affairs Lead, ASML

Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director General for Energy, European Commission

Martin Sandbu, European Economics Commentator, Financial Times

Luisa Santos, Deputy Director General, BusinessEurope

Georg Riekeles, Associate Director, European Policy Centre (Moderator)

18.00 Drinks and canapés

19.00 End of the conference