



Roundtable Discussion

Strengthening the Transatlantic Economic Engine: Pathways to Shared Competitiveness and Resilience

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, 12.00 – 14.00

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DISCUSSION PROGRAMME

The Transatlantic relationship is the world's most vital economic partnership, yet despite shared interests both the EU and the US face unprecedented challenges in maintaining global competitiveness amid geopolitical shifts and rapid technological change. This panel will analyze shared priorities (supply chain diversification, competitiveness, economic and energy security, human talent & workforce transition) as well as points of friction (such as regulatory divergence or the imperative of EU's strategic autonomy), with the aim of identifying pathways for strengthening the Transatlantic bonds in the new challenging environment. It will also focus on how innovation and public-private partnership have become the indispensable engine for growth across key strategic sectors and can help foster a dynamic ecosystem of Transatlantic resilience, ensuring augmented competitiveness in the new age of global realignments.

12.00 ARRIVAL OF SPEAKERS & GUESTS

12:30 OPENING REMARKS

- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum
- ✓ **Massimo Andolina**, President Europe Region, Philip Morris International

12:35 ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS

- ✓ **Leslie Vinjamuri**, President and CEO, Chicago Council on Global Affairs
- ✓ **Gerard Baker**, Editor at Large, The Wall Street Journal
- ✓ **Arancha Gonzalez**, Dean, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union & Cooperation, Spain (2020-2021)
- ✓ **Sir Robin Niblett**, KCMG DPhil, Director, Ledwell Advisory, and Distinguished Fellow Chatham House
- ✓ **Małgorzata Bonikowska**, President, Centre For International Relations
- ✓ **Jeromin Zettelmeyer**, Director, Bruegel
- ✓ **Faisal Abbas**, Editor in Chief, Arab News
- ✓ **Robin van Puyenbroeck**, Executive Director, Business Development, World Trade Centers Association
- ✓ **Christos Harpantidis**, SVP External Affairs, Philip Morris International
- ✓ **Nik Gowing**, Founder & Director, Think Unthinkable Ltd

✓ **Chair: Iliana Magra**, Journalist, Kathimerini Daily Newspaper

14:00 CLOSING REMARKS & NETWORKING

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