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**List of Guest Speakers and Topics**

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| **2021** | | |
| 13 Jan 2021 | **Mr. Pascal SAINT-AMANS**  Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD (Organisation Economic Co-operation & Development) | *“OECD/G20 leading multilateral efforts to address tax challenges from digitalisation of the economy”* |
| 19 Jan 2021 | **Mr. David CATTLER**  Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence and Security, NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) | *“How the Alliance coordinates intelligence and faces the threats from terrorism to sophisticated disinformation operations”* |
| 28 Jan 2021 | **Mr. Rupert SCHLEGELMILCH**  Acting Deputy Director General and Director in charge of The Americas, Agriculture and Food Safety, DG TRADE, European Commission | *“A Stronger Europe in the World: Major Challenges for EU Trade Policy”* |
| 25 Feb 2021 | **Mrs Clara DE LA TORRE**  Deputy Director General, DG Climate Action (CLIMA), European Commission | *“Towards a carbon-neutral economy for Europe"* |
| 26 Feb 2021 | **Mr. Nicolas SCHMIT**  Commissioner for Jobs & Social Rights, European Commission | *“The European Skills Agenda and the future of social Europe”* |
| 11 March 2021 | **H.E. Mr. José Fernando COSTA PEREIRA**  Perm. Rep. to the Political and Security Committee, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU | *“Priorities of the Portuguese Presidency*  *of the EU Council”* |
| 18 March 2021 | **Professor Beata JAVORCIK**  Chief Economist, EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development | *“The Future of Globalisation”* |
| 24 March 2021 | **Ms Joanna DRAKE**  Deputy Director General, DG Environment (ENV), European Commission | *“The European Green Deal: Managing the transition to sustainability and circularity”* |
| 1 April 2021 | **Mr. Reinhard BÜTIKOFER MEP**  Chair of the Delegation for relations with the People’s Republic of China, European Parliament | *“EU - China Relations, Europe’s Strategic Autonomy and the Transatlantic Relationship”* |
| 22 April 2021 | **Ms Lara WOLTERS**  Member (S&D, The Netherlands),  Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament | *“Sustainable Corporate Governance –*  *A new EU due diligence law on environmental and human rights”* |
| 27 April 2021 | **Mr. Martin JETTER**  Chairman, IBM Europe | *“How the EU can achieve Open Strategic Autonomy”* |
| 6 May 2021 | **Dr. Dan HAMILTON**  Director of the Global Europe Program,  Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars | *“Re-setting the EU-U.S. Transatlantic relationship”* |
| 12 May 2021 | **Mr. Patrick DAVIES OBE**  Former British Deputy Ambassador to the U.S. and Author | *“The Great American Delusion:*  *The Myths Deceiving America and Putting the West at Risk”* |
| 27 May 2021 | **Mr. Olivier BAILLY**  Head of the EU Task Force on vaccine strategy, EEAS | *“Vaccine Diplomacy: Delivering on the EU promise”* |
| 10 June 2021 | **Mr. Pierre DELSAUX**  Deputy Director-General, DG SANTE, European Commission | *“Europe’s health policy priorities going forward”* |
| 17 June 2021 | **H.E. Mr. Iztok JARC**  Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the EU | *“The Priorities of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union”* |
| 30 June 2021 | **Prof. Jason BORDOFF**  Founding Director, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University | *“The evolution and expected international impacts of U.S. climate policy under the Biden Administration”* |
| 23 Sept 2021 | **Mr. Gerard DE GRAAF**  Director for Digital Transformation,  DG CONNECT, European Commission | *“The Digital Services Act: Strengthening the Single Market for digital services”* |
| 29 Sept 2021 | **H.E. Mr. Thomas OSSOWSKI**  Political and Security Committee Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU | *“Germany in Europe post-Merkel:*  *What will continue and what may change”* |
| 7 Oct 2021 | **Dr. Colin SCICLUNA**  Head of Cabinet for Vice-President Dubravka Šuica, Commissioner for Democracy & Demography, European Commission | *“The Conference on the Future of Europe”* |
| 12 Oct 2021 | **H.E. Mr. Pietro BENASSI**  Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU | *“G20 Summit 2021:*  *Italy's Priorities - People, Planet, Prosperity”* |
| 14 Oct 2021 | **Mr. Michael HAGER**  Head of Cabinet for EVP Valdis Dombrovskis, Commissioner for An Economy that Works for People, European Commission | *“Next Generation EU –*  *Towards European Recovery”* |
| 18 Nov 2021 | **Mr. Jacob WERKSMAN**  Principal Advisor for the International Aspects of EU Climate Change, DG CLIMA, European Commission | *“The EU’s International Climate Policy Priorities – COP26 debrief and follow-up”* |
| 23 Nov 2021 | **Dr. Sabine WEYAND**  Director General of DG Trade, European Commission | *“A bespoke EU trade policy approach*  *for the post-coronavirus world”* |
| 7 Dec 2021 | **Mr. Iuliu WINKLER MEP**  Member (EPP, Romania),  Vice-Chair of the International Trade Committee and Standing Rapporteur for EU-China trade and investment relations, | *“Future Perspectives of the EU-China Relationship”* |
| **2020** | | |
| 16 Jan 2020 | **Mr. Pekka ALA-PIETILÄ**  Chairman of the EU High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI HLEG), European Commission | *“Europe in the global race for AI – From ethical guidelines to boosting competitiveness”* |
| 22 Jan 2020 | **Mr. Bernd LANGE**  Vice-Chair (S&D, Germany), Chair of the Committee on International Trade, European Parliament | *“EU Trade Policy – Priorities of the new European Parliament”* |
| 30 Jan 2020 | **H.E. Ms Irena ANDRASSY**  Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Croatia to the EU | *“Priorities of the Croatian Presidency of the EU Council”* |
| 4 Feb 2020 | **Mr. John BERRIGAN**  Acting Director General, Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA), European Commission | *“DG FISMA: Priorities, Achievements and The Way Forward for the next Commission”* |
| 18 Feb 2020 | **Mrs Mariya GABRIEL**  Commissioner for Innovation and Youth, European Commission | *“Horizon Europe: Developing Innovation and Research”* |
| 3 Mar 2020 | **H.E. Stavros LAMBRINIDIS**  Ambassador & Head of Delegation,  EU Delegation to the U.S. | *“Rebalancing the U.S. - European Relationship”* |
| 23 April 2020 | **Ms Nathalie MOLL**  Director General, EFPIA (EU Fed. of Pharmaceutical Industries & Associations) | *“Focus on the pharma industry at the center of the covid-19 pandemic”* |
| 29 April 2020 | **Prof. Anu BRADFORD**  Henry L. Moses Professor of Law & International Organization,  Director, The European Legal Studies Center, Columbia Law School | *“The EU as a Global Regulatory Superpower –*  *How the European Union rules the world?”* |
| 4 May 2020 | **Ms Catherine DE BOLLE**  Executive Director, EUROPOL | *“Europol – Making Europe Safer”* |
| 28 May 2020 | **Prof. Mark FERGUSON CBE**  Chair, European Innovation Council Advisory Board - Director General, Science Foundation Ireland | *“The European Innovation Council - Building a European Venture Capital market for new technologies”* |
| 17 June 2020 | **Mr. Klaus REGLING**  Managing Director , ESM - European Stability Mechanism | *“A concerted European financial response to the coronavirus crisis”* |
| 25 June 2020 | **Mr. Kurt VANDENBERGHE**  Adviser on the European Green Deal  to President Von der Leyen, European Commission | *“The European Green Deal: Keeping the momentum for a new growth strategy and a resilient recovery after Covid-19”* |
| 2 July 2020 | **Mr. Pearse O'DONOHUE**  Director of Future Networks,  DG CONNECT, European Commission | *“Shaping Europe’s digital future”* |
| 8 July 2020 | **Mr. Frederick KEMPE**  President and CEO, Atlantic Council of the U.S. | *“The geopolitics of the U.S.-EU-China triangular relationship – Managing the New World Order”* |
| 22 Sept 2020 | **Mr. Koen DOENS**  Director General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission | *“The EU-Africa strategy – Changing the Narrative from ‘Development’ to ‘Partnership”* |
| 30 Sept 2020 | **Mr. Maciej GOLUBIEWSKI**  Head of Cabinet for European Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski, European Commission | *“The Future of Agriculture in Europe”* |
| 15 Oct 2020 | **Mrs Marina KALJURAND**  MEP (S&D, Estonia), Former Chair of the Global Commission of the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) | *“Cybersecurity – How the world, countries and companies are addressing this global critical threat”* |
| 22 Oct 2020 | **Mr. Mark WATTS**  Executive Director, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group | *“C40 Cities: Leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future”* |
| 28 Oct 2020 | **Mr. Kim JØRGENSEN**  Head of Cabinet of Executive Vice President Margrethe Vestager,  European Commission | *“The Digital Services Act and the new Competition tool – Two initiatives which define Europe’s vision of a digital transformation that works for all”* |
| 16 Nov 2020 | **Mr. Mario NAVA**  Director General, DG for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM), European Commission | *“Helping EU countries to design and carry out structural reforms to support job creation and sustainable growth”* |
| 26 Nov 2020 | **Ms Eva KAILI**  Member (S&D, Greece) & Chair of the Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA), European Parliament | *“Shaping Europe’s Future in the area of Digital Policy, AI, IoT and Scientific Research”* |
| 2 Dec 2020 | **Mr. Carles ESTEVA MOSSO**  Deputy Director-General in charge of State Aids, DG Competition, European Commission | *“State Aids and Foreign Subsidies”* |
| 9 Dec 2020 | **Mr. Wojciech WIEWIÓROWSKI**  Supervisor, EDPS - European Data Protection Supervisor | *“Shaping a Safer Digital Future: A New Strategy for a New Decade”* |
| 14 Dec 2020 | **Mr. Charles E. COOK, Jr.**  Editor & Publisher,  COOK POLITICAL REPORT | *“U.S. 2020 Elections –*  *What Happened and What’s Next?”* |
| **2019** | | |
| 15 Jan 2019 | **Mr. Raffaele Mauro PETRICCIONE**  Director General, DG Climate Action (CLIMA), European Commission | *“Fighting Climate Change through 2050 strategies - The EU Vision for a Clean Economy* |
| 5 Feb 2019 | **H.E. Mrs Luminita Teodora ODOBESCU**  Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU | *“Priorities of the Romanian Presidency*  *to the EU”* |
| 7 Feb 2019 | **Mr. Yves MERSCH**  Member of the Executive Board, ECB – European Central Bank | *“Innovation and Digitalisation in payment services”* |
| 22 Feb 2019 | **Mr. Tomasz HUSAK**  Head of Cabinet of Mrs. Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs | *“The Single Market Strategy”* |
| 26 March 2019 | **Prof. Jean PISANI-FERRY**  Professor at Sciences Po Paris and the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin,  Founding Director of Bruegel | *“One Club Does Not Fit All in Europe – European integration by differentiation”* |
| 28 March 2019 | **Dr. Alexander STUBB**  Vice President, EIB - European Investment Bank | *“My Vision on the Future of Europe”* |
| 16 April 2019 | **Prof.Dr.Ing. Johann-Dietrich WÖRNER**  Director General, ESA (European Space Agency) | *“United Europe in Space / United Space in Europe”* |
| 17 April 2019 | **Prof. Anand MENON**  Professor of European Politics & Foreign Affairs, King’s College London &  Director, The UK in a Changing Europe | *“Brexit: Where is the EU-UK relationship heading?* |
| 8 May 2019 | **Baroness Michèle CONINSX**  Assistant Secretary-General & Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations | *“UNCTED approach in engaging multiple stakeholders to counter terrorism in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions”* |
| 16 May 2019 | **Mr. Jean-Eric PAQUET**  Director General, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission | *“How Europe will lead the next wave of innovation”* |
| 4 June 2019 | **Mr. Carsten PILLATH**  Director General for Economic Affairs and Competitiveness, Council of the EU | *“Does Europe have an Industrial Policy for Competitiveness, Jobs and Growth?”* |
| 6 June 2019 | **H.E. Mr. Kazuo KODAMA**  Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Mission of Japan to the EU | *“G20 Osaka Summit 2019: Japan's Priority Agenda”* |
| 25 June 2019 | **Ms. Věra JOUROVÁ**  Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, European Commission | *“Promoting justice, strengthening rights and defending EU values – My achievements and the way forward”* |
| 16 June 2019 | **H.E. Mr. Philippe LÉGLISE-COSTA**  Ambassador, Representation of France to the EU | *“A G7 fighting inequality: France’s priorities ahead of the Summit in Biarritz”* |
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| 19 Sept 2019 | **H.E. Mr. ZHANG Ming**  Ambassador, Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the EU | *“Strengthening the EU-China economic relationship”* |
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| 25 Oct 2019 | **H.E. Mrs Kay BAILEY HUTCHISON**  Ambassador, U.S. Mission to NATO  **Ambassador Edita HRDÁ,**  Managing Director for the Americas,  European External Action Service | *AECA Annual Reception:*    *“U.S. – EU Relations: Priorities for the 21st Century Strategic Partnership”* |
| 19 Nov 2019 | **Mr. Diego PAVIA**  CEO, InnoEnergy | *“The amazing journey of the European Battery Alliance: A blueprint for implementation of future European industrial policies”* |
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| **2018** | | |
| 19 Jan 2018 | **H.E. Mr. Dimiter TZANTCHEV**  Ambassador, Bulgarian Permanent Representation to the EU | *“Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency”* |
| 22 Jan 2018 | **Ms Nadia CALVIÑO**  Director General of DG BUDGET,  European Commission | *“The EU Finances post 2020”* |
| 7 Feb 2018 | **Mr. Roberto VIOLA**  Director General of DG CONNECT,  European Commission | *“The Future of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence in Europe”* |
| 9 Feb 2018 | **Ms Ann METTLER**  Head of the European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission | *“The Future of Europe and the Road to Sibiu”* |
| 8 March 2018 | **H.E. Mr. Marc VANHEUKELEN**  Ambassador, Permanent Representative, EU Permanent Mission to the WTO | *“The Future of Multilateral, Plurilateral*  *and Bilateral Trade deals”* |
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| 15 May 2018 | **Prof. Tommaso VALLETTI**  Chief Economist, DG Competition,  European Commission | *“A View from the Chief Economist’s Office: Challenges and Opportunities*  *in Competition Law”* |
| 16 May 2018 | **Mr. Marc DECORTE**  CEO, Shell Belgium, Former VP Connected Digital Technologies,  Shell International | *“Digitalisation in the Energy Industry”* |
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| 10 July 2018 | **Mr. Klaus WELLE**  Secretary General, European Parliament | *“What is changing in Europe –*  *Preparing Europe for the next 25 years”* |
| 6 Sept 2018 | **H.E. Mr. Jaya RATNAM**  Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore to Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg & Mission to the EU | *“ASEAN: Facing the Future”* |
| 27 Sept 2018 | **Mr. Margaritis SCHINAS**  Chief Spokesperson, European Commission | *“Europe through the media lens – The State of the Union speech”* |
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| 14 Nov 2018 | **Mr. Didier REYNDERS**  Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs, Belgian Government  **H.E. Gordon D. SONDLAND**  Ambassador, U.S. Mission to the EU  **H.E. Ronald GIDWITZ**  Ambassador, U.S. Embassy in Belgium | *AECA Annual Reception:*  *“The European Union and the United States – Privileged Partners in a Complex World”* |
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| **2017** | | |
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