

Munich Security Conference 2025

February 14–16, 2024 | Main Program

13/2/2025

Agenda

Formats of the Main Program include Main Stage I & II, Townhalls, Roundtables & Spotlights. All formats of the Main Program take place at Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

Friday, February 14

Global Order & Global Security Challenges

7.30 – 9.00

Breakfasts

9.30 – 11.00
Fürstensalon

Roundtable *(by special invitation only)*
Doing More With Less US? Strengthening European Defense

9.30 – 11.00
Gelber Salon

Roundtable *(by special invitation only)*
Build, Baby, Build: Advancing Clean Energy

9.30 – 11.00
Garden Restaurant

Roundtable *(by special invitation only)*
Pitfalls and Priorities: The New US Administration's Middle East Policy

10.00 – 11.00
Komödie

Opening Townhall
Building or Burning Bridges: Economic and Development Cooperation Amid Multipolarization

Welcome: Christoph Heusgen

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

Welcome: Jochen Flasbarth

State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

John Dramani Mahama

President, Republic of Ghana, Accra

José Manuel Albares Bueno

Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain, Madrid

Rebeca Grynspan

Secretary-General, United Nations Trade and Development, Geneva

Celso Amorim

Chief Advisor to the President; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Brasília

Moderator: Zanny Minton Beddoes

Editor-in-Chief, The Economist, London

11.30 – 13.00

Opening Lunch *(by special invitation only)*

Friday, February 14

Global Order & Global Security Challenges

13.30 – 14.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I
Opening & Welcome Remarks

Opening: Christoph Heusgen
Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

Opening Speech: Frank-Walter Steinmeier
Federal President, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Welcome: Markus Söder
Minister President, Free State of Bavaria; Chairman, Christian Social Union, Munich

14.00 – 14.30
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Statement and Conversation
The EU in the World

Ursula von der Leyen
President, European Commission, Brussels

Moderator: Yalda Hakim
Lead World News Presenter, Sky News, Isleworth

14.30 – 15.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Statement
The U.S. in the World

J.D. Vance
Vice President, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Christoph Heusgen
Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

14.30 – 15.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Down to the Wire: Countering Hybrid Warfare in the Baltic Sea

Evika Siliņa
Prime Minister, Republic of Latvia, Riga

Elina Valtonen
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Finland, Helsinki

Maria Malmer Stenergard
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Sweden, Stockholm

Jean-Charles Ellermann-Kingombe
Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels

Moderator: Teija Tiilikainen
Director, European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, Helsinki

14.30 – 15.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Nuclear Multipolarity

Rafael Mariano Grossi
Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna

Hélène Conway-Mouret
Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and the Armed Forces, Senate, Parliament of the French Republic, Paris

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Global Order & Global Security Challenges

Vipin Narang

Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear Security and Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy of the United States of America, Cambridge, MA

Moderator: Joan Rohlfing

President and Chief Operating Officer, Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington, DC

15.00 – 15.30
Conference Hall

**Main Stage I: Statement and Conversation
China in the World**

Wang Yi

Minister of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China; Director of General Office, Foreign Affairs Commission of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, Beijing

Moderator: Christoph Heusgen

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

15.30 – 16.15
Conference Hall

**Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Chartering Relevance: Towards a Stronger UN in a Fragmented World**

John Dramani Mahama

President, Republic of Ghana, Accra

Félix Tshisekedi

President, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kinshasa

Kaja Kallas

Vice-President and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European Commission; former Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, Brussels

Volker Türk

High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva

Moderator: Christoph Heusgen

Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

15.30 – 16.00
Königssaal

**Main Stage II: Conversation
Stabilizing a Restless Region: Prospects for Peace in the Middle East**

Gideon Moshe Sa'ar

Minister of Foreign Affairs, State of Israel, Jerusalem

Moderator: Nora Müller

Executive Director International Affairs, Körber-Stiftung, Berlin

15.30 – 16.15
Komödie

**Townhall
Strategic Investment: The Future of U.S. - Ukraine Security Cooperation**

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

President, Ukraine, Kyiv

Lindsey Graham

Senator, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget, United States of America, Washington, DC

Jeanne Shaheen

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

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Global Order & Global Security Challenges

Sheldon Whitehouse

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, United States of America, Washington, DC

John Cornyn

Senator, Member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Francine Lacqua

Editor-at-Large, Bloomberg TV, London

15.30 – 16.15
Public Square

**Spotlight
Combating Terrorist Financing**

Téné Birahima Ouattara

Minister of Defence, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan

Jörg Kukies

Federal Minister of Finance, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Catherine de Bolle

Executive Director, Europol, The Hague

Elisa de Anda Madrazo

President, Financial Action Task Force, Paris

Moderator: Shlomit Wagman

Chief Regulation and Compliance Officer, Rapyd; former Director-General of the Israel Money Laundering and Terror Financing Prohibition Authority, Brookline

15.30 – 17.00
Fürstensalon

**Roundtable (by special invitation only)
Mutually Assured Ambition? Reinforcing Europe's Nuclear Posture**

15.30 – 17.00
Gelber Salon

**Roundtable (by special invitation only)
Treating Deep Cuts: Global Health in Transition**

16.30 – 17.15
Conference Hall

**Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Seismic Shifts: More European Responsibility for Defense**

Scene-Setting: Boris Pistorius

Federal Minister of Defence, Federal Republic of Germany; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Berlin

Gitanas Nausėda

President, Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

John Healey

Secretary of State for Defence, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Natalia Pouzyreff

Secretary of the Committee on National Defence and Armed Forces, National Assembly, Parliament of the French Republic, Paris

Moderator: Courtney Kube

Senior National Security Correspondent, NBC News

16.30 – 17.15
Königssaal

**Main Stage II: Statement & Conversation
Forgotten No More: Addressing the Crisis in the DRC**

Félix Tshisekedi

President, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kinshasa

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Global Order & Global Security Challenges

Moderator: Michelle Helene Natou Ndiaye

Director, Transformative Peace in Africa, Open Society Foundations; former Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AUC, Johannesburg

16.30 – 17.15

Komödie

Townhall
A Living Nightmare: The Political and Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan

Ali Yousif Ahmed Alsharif

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Sudan, Port Sudan

Mirjana Spoljaric

President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva

Ted Chaiban

Deputy Executive Director for Humanitarian Action and Supply Operations, United Nations Children's Fund, New York

1st Comment: Filippo Grandi

High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations, Geneva

Moderator: Kholood Khair

Founder and Director, Confluence Advisory; Senior Consultant, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Khartoum

16.30 – 17.15

Public Square

Spotlight
The Power of Small States

Alar Karis

President, Republic of Estonia, Tallinn

Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Fiji, Suva

Tanja Fajon

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

Dominique Hasler

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sport, Principality of Liechtenstein, Vaduz

Moderator: Bronwen Maddox

Director and Chief Executive, Chatham House, London

17.00 – 17.30

Coffee Break

17.30 – 18.15

Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Live to Vote Another Day: Fortifying Democratic Resilience

Jonas Gahr Støre

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Norway, Oslo

Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Minister of External Affairs, Republic of India, New Delhi

Elissa Slotkin

Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States of America, Washington, DC

Rafał Trzaskowski

Mayor, Capital City of Warsaw; former Minister of Administration and Digitalization of the Republic of Poland, Warsaw

Moderator: Katrin Bennhold

International Correspondent, The New York Times, Berlin

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17.30 – 18.15

Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
AI Just Can't Get Enough: Disinformation, AI, and Democracy

Henna Virkkunen

Executive Vice President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, European Commission, Brussels

Claudia Plattner

President, Federal Office for Information Security, Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn

Kent Walker

President for Global Affairs, Google; Member of the Security Innovation Board, Munich Security Conference, Mountain View

Amba Kak

Co-Executive Director, AI Now Institute, New York

Moderator: Gina Neff

Executive Director, Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy, University of Cambridge, Cambridge

17.30 – 18.15

Public Square

Spotlight
Georgia

Salome Zourabichvili

Fifth President of Georgia, Tbilisi

Moderator: Thomas de Waal

Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

18.00 – 19.00

Komödie

Townhall
Stabilizing a Restless Region: Prospects for Peace in the Middle East

Mohammad Mustafa

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, State of Palestine, Ramallah

Ayman Hussein Abdullah Al-Safadi

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Kaja Kallas

Vice-President and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European Commission; former Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, Brussels

1st Comment: Sigrid Kaag

Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process ad interim and Senior Humanitarian and Construction Coordinator for Gaza, United Nations, New York

Moderator: Christiane Amanpour

Chief International Anchor, Cable News Network, London

18.30 – 19.15

Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
From Ashes to Action: Climate Cooperation in a Heated World

Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Fiji, Suva

Svenja Schulze

Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Wopke Hoekstra

Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, European Commission; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Brussels

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Sheldon Whitehouse

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Edith Kimani

East Africa Correspondent, Deutsche Welle, Berlin

18.30 – 19.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
All Bits Are Off: The Risks of Racing for Tech Dominance

Ekaterina Zaharieva

Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, European Commission; former Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Brussels

Mark R. Warner

Senator, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, United States of America, Washington, DC

Franke McCourt

Executive Chairman, McCourt Global, New York

Miker Gallagher

Head of Defense, Palantir Technologies, Washington, DC

Moderator: Anja Manuel

Executive Director, Aspen Strategy Group and Aspen Security Forum, Washington, DC

18.30 – 19.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Russian Repression at Home and Abroad

Scene-Setting: Yulia Navalnaya

Chairwoman of the Advisory Board, Anti-Corruption Foundation, New York

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

Head, United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Minsk

Moderator: Fiona Hill

Senior Fellow for Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution; Chancellor, Durham University, Washington, DC

20.00 – 21.30

Dinners

22.00 – 23.00
Public Square

Night Cap Session
Standard Deviation: Addressing Double Standards and Reinforcing Common Rules

David Miliband

President and Chief Executive Officer, International Rescue Committee; former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, New York

Emma Lousie Powell

Shadow Minister for International Relations and Cooperation, Republic of South Africa, Cape Town; Munich Young Leader 2024

Tawakkol Karman

Chief, Women Journalists Without Chains; Chairwoman, Tawakkol Karman Foundation; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2011, Yemen

Moderator: Comfort Ero

President and Chief Executive Officer, International Crisis Group, London

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Saturday, February 15

Euro-Atlantic Security & Regional Challenges

7.30 – 8.45

Breakfasts

7.30 – 9.00
Fürstensalon

Roundtable *(by special invitation only)*
A Looming Shadow (Fleet): Geoeconomics and Security in the Arctic

9.30 – 10.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Statement and Conversation
Germany in the World

Olaf Scholz
Federal Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Moderator: Zanny Minton Beddoes
Editor-in-Chief, The Economist, London

10.15 – 11.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Statement and Conversation
Defiance and Diplomacy: Prospects for Ukraine's Future

Volodymyr Zelenskyy
President, Ukraine, Kyiv

Moderator: Christiane Amanpour
Chief International Anchor, Cable News Network, London

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.15
Komödie

Townhall
Rising Tides, Sinking Hopes: Navigating Climate-Induced Migration

Opening Remarks: Niels Annen
Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Amy Pope
Director General, International Organization for Migration, Geneva

Leila Benali
Minister of Energy, Transition, and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat

Brian Schatz
Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim
Founder and President, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad, N'Djamena

Moderator: Mina Al-Oraibi
Editor-in-Chief, The National, Abu Dhabi

11.30 – 12.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Global Democracy Trends

Zin Mar Aung
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the National Unity Government, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Naypyidaw

Christopher A. Coons
Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

Saturday, February 15

Euro-Atlantic Security & Regional Challenges

Aleksandra Uznańska-Wiśniewska

Chair of the Polish-American Parliamentary Group and Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Sejm, Parliament of the Republic of Poland, Warsaw; Women Parliamentarians Program 2025

Zanetor Agyeman-Rawlings

Member of the Defence and Interior Committee, Parliament of Ghana, Accra; Women Parliamentarians Program 2024

Moderator: Anne Applebaum

Staff Writer, The Atlantic; Senior Fellow, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Pulitzer Prize Winner 2004, Washington, DC

11.30 – 12.30

Conference Hall

**Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Security Dividend: European Support for Ukraine**

Scene-Setting: António Costa

President, European Council, Brussels

Petr Pavel

President, Czech Republic, Prague

Mette Frederiksen

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Denmark, Copenhagen

Ulf Kristersson

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Sweden, Stockholm

Friedrich Merz

Chairman, Christian Democratic Union, Berlin

Moderator: Katarzyna Pisarska

Founder and Chair, Warsaw Security Forum; Founder and Chairwoman, European Academy of Diplomacy, Warsaw; Munich Young Leader 2021/2022

12.30 – 13.15

Conference Hall

**Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Pay or Prey? NATO, the U.S., and Transatlantic Security**

Mark Rutte

Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization; former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Brussels

Lindsey Graham

Senator, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget, United States of America, Washington, DC

Jeanne Shaheen

Senator, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador (ret.); President of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

12.30 – 13.15

Komödie

**Townhall
Nevertheless, She Persisted: Facing the Global Gender Backlash**

Vjosa Osmani

President, Republic of Kosovo, Pristina

Hadja Lahbib

Commissioner for Preparedness, Crisis Management and Equality, European Commission; former Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions of the Kingdom of Belgium, Brussels

Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan

Senator in the National Assembly, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abuja; Women Parliamentarians Program 2025

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Euro-Atlantic Security & Regional Challenges

Sanna Marin

Strategic Counsellor, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change; former Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland, London

Moderator: Sanam Naraghi Anderlini

Founder and Chief Executive Director, International Civil Society Action Network, Washington, DC

12.30 – 13.15
Public Square

**Spotlight
Critical Minerals**

Elmer José Germán Gonzalo Schialer Salcedo

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peru, Lima

Anna Cavazzini

Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, The Greens/EFA Parliamentary Group, European Parliament, Brussels; Women Parliamentarians Program 2025

Andrew Forrest

Executive Chairman, Fortescue, Perth

Helen Clark

Member, The Elders Foundation; former Prime Minister of New Zealand, London

Moderator: Francine Lacqua

Editor-at-Large, Bloomberg TV, London

13.30 – 15.00

Lunches

15.15 – 16.00
Königssaal

**Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Making Waves: Maritime Tensions in the Indo-Pacific**

Enrique Manalo

Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines, Manila

Ng Eng Hen

Minister for Defence, Republic of Singapore, Singapore

Fu Ying

Founding Chair, Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University; former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Beijing

Moderator: Lynn Kuok

Lee Kuan Yew Chair, Center for Asia Policy Studies, Foreign Policy Program, The Brookings Institution; Adjunct Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; Munich Young Leader 2013

15.30 – 16.15
Conference Hall

**Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Europe? The Old Continent's New Geopolitical Role**

Annalena Baerbock

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Radosław Sikorski

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Warsaw

Jean-Noël Barrot

Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, French Republic, Paris

David Lammy

Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

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Moderator: Silvia Amaro
Anchor, CNBC, London

15.30 – 16.15
Komödie

Townhall
Between Bombs and Blockades: Tackling Food Insecurity in Unstable Times

Opening Remarks: Cindy McCain
Executive Director, World Food Programme, Rome

Åsmund Grøver Aukrust
Minister of International Development, Kingdom of Norway, Oslo

Vera Songwe
Founder and Chair, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility; Co-Chair, Independent High Level Expert Group on Climate Finance, Dublin

Niels Annen
Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Moderator: Michael Werz
Senior Advisor, Munich Security Conference; Senior Fellow, National Security Team, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC

15.30 – 16.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Afghanistan

Hina Rabbani Khar
Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, Pakistan People's Party, National Assembly of Pakistan; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Islamabad

Jason Crow
Representative, Member of the House Armed Services Committee, United States of America, Washington, DC

Fawzia Koofi
First Female Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Afghanistan; President, Women for Afghanistan Organization, Kabul

Moderator: Katrin Eigendorf
International Special Correspondent, ZDF, Berlin

16.30 – 17.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
It's a Small World? The Connected Security of Europe and Asia

Cho Tae-yul
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, Seoul

Iwaya Takeshi
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan; former Minister of Defence of Japan, Tokyo

Judith Collins
Minister of Defence, New Zealand, Wellington

Radmila Šekerinska
Deputy Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization; former Minister of Defence of the Republic of North Macedonia, Brussels; Munich Young Leader 2011

Roger F. Wicker
Senator, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States of America, Washington, DC

Moderator: Lynn Kuok
Lee Kuan Yew Chair, Center for Asia Policy Studies, Foreign Policy Program, The Brookings Institution; Adjunct Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; Munich Young Leader 2013

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Saturday, February 15

Euro-Atlantic Security & Regional Challenges

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Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Trade War and Peace: Safeguarding Economic Ties Amidst Rising Protectionism

Robert Habeck
Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Mélanie Joly
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada, Ottawa

Maroš Šefčovič
Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency, European Commission, Brussels

Jon M. Huntsman
Vice Chairman and President of Strategic Growth, Mastercard International Incorporated, Purchase

Moderator: Ngaire Woods
Dean, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, Oxford

16.30 – 17.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Red Sea

Rashad Mohamed Ali Al-Alimi
Chairman, Presidential Leadership Council, Republic of Yemen, Sana'a

Joni Ernst
Senator, Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States of America, Washington, DC

Annette Weber
Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, European Union External Action Service, Nairobi

Moderator: Hadley Gamble
Chief International Correspondent and Anchor, Al-Arabiya; former Anchor and Senior International Correspondent at CNBC, Dubai

17.00 – 17.30

Coffee Break

17.30 – 18.15
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Panel Discussion
Prepared, Not Scared: A Whole-of-Society Approach to Defense

Carsten Breuer
General; Chief of Defence, Federal Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Charles Q. Brown
General; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, United States of America, Washington, DC

Aaron Beng
Vice Admiral; Chief of Defence Force, Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore

Michael Claesson
General; Chief of Defence, Swedish Armed Forces, Stockholm

Moderator: Rachel Anne Lutz Ellehuus
Director-General, Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, London

17.30 – 18.15
Public Square

Spotlight
Haiti

Volker Türk
High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva

Saturday, February 15

Euro-Atlantic Security & Regional Challenges

Arnoldo André Tinoco

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Costa Rica, San José

Erika Mouynes

Chair, Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center Advisory Council, Atlantic Council; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama, Washington, DC

Moderator: Astrid Irrgang

Executive Director, Center for International Peace Operations, Berlin

17.30 – 18.30
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
New Dawn for Damascus: Prospects for Syria's Transition

Asaad Hasan Al-Shaibani

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Syrian Transitional Government, Damascus

Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Hakan Fidan

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye, Ankara

Hind Kabawat

Adjunct Professor and Director, Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University; former Deputy Head of the Syrian Negotiation Commission, Geneva

1st Comment: Geir O. Pedersen

Special Envoy for Syria, United Nations, Geneva

Moderator: Lyse Doucet

Chief International Correspondent, British Broadcasting Corporation, London

17.30 – 19.00
Fürstensalon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)
Code of Arms: AI, the Cloud, and the Future of Warfare

17.30 – 19.00
Gelber Salon

Roundtable (by special invitation only)
Beyond Lose-Lose: Protecting Trade in an Age of Geoeconomics

18.30 – 19.00
Königssaal

Main Stage II: Conversation
A Conversation on the Middle East

Ronald S. Lauder

President, World Jewish Congress; Founder and Chairman, RWL Water Group, New York

Moderator: Souad Mekhennet

International Security Correspondent, The Washington Post, Washington, DC

18.30 – 19.15
Komödie

Townhall
Peace Through Strength: A Plan for Ukraine

Andrii Ivanovych Sybiha

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine, Kyiv

Keith Kellogg

Special Envoy for Ukraine and Russia, Department of State, United States of America, Arlington

Radostaw Sikorski

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Warsaw

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Euro-Atlantic Security & Regional Challenges

David Lammy

Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London

Dovilė Šakalienė

Minister of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius; Women Parliamentarians Program 2024

Moderator: Sarah Kelly

Anchor-at-Large, Deutsche Welle Conflict Zone, Berlin

18.30 – 19.15

Public Square

**Spotlight
Venezuela**

Edmundo González Urrutia

President-elect, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Caracas

Roberta Metsola

President, European Parliament, Brussels

Moderator: Manuel Muñiz Villa

Provost, IE University; Chair of the Board, IE New York College, Madrid; Munich Young Leader 2017

20.00 – 21.30

Dinners

20.00 – 22.00

Residenz

Ewald von Kleist Award Ceremony *(by special invitation only)*

22.00 – 23.00

Public Square

**Night Cap Session
(C)overt Custodians: Intelligence for the 21st Century**

Nozuko Gloria Bam

Director General, State Security Agency, Republic of South Africa, Pretoria

Ibrahim Kalin

Director, National Intelligence Organization, Republic of Türkiye, Ankara

Kaupo Rosin

Director General, Foreign Intelligence Service, Republic of Estonia, Tallinn

Moderator: Deborah Haynes

Security and Defence Editor, Sky News, London

Sunday, February 16
Europe in the World

7.30 – 8.45

Breakfasts

7.30 – 9.00
Fürstensalon

Roundtable *(by special invitation only)*
From Gray Zones to Red Lines: Addressing Russian Hybrid Tactics in Europe

9.15 – 10.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
In the Eye of the Storm: European Security Architecture 50 Years After Helsinki

Alexander Stubb
President, Republic of Finland, Helsinki

Edgars Rinkēvičs
President, Republic of Latvia, Riga

Kristrún Mjöll Frostadóttir
Prime Minister, Iceland, Reykjavík

Andrej Plenković
Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia, Zagreb

Moderator: Jamil Anderlini
Regional Director Europe, Politico Europe, Brussels

10.30 – 11.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Ready, Steady, 2030? Accelerating the Balkans' EU Accession

Hristijan Mickoski
Prime Minister, Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje

Edi Rama
Prime Minister, Republic of Albania, Tirana

Roberta Metsola
President, European Parliament, Brussels

Marta Kos
Commissioner for Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels

Moderator: Majda Ruge
Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.15
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Falling Stars? Reviving European Competitiveness

Luc Frieden
Prime Minister, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Franziska Brantner
Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Federal Republic of Germany; Co-Chairwoman, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

Manfred Weber
President, European People's Party; Chairman, EPP Parliamentary Group, European Parliament, Brussels

Joel Kaplan
Chief Global Affairs Officer, Meta, Washington, DC

Moderator: Stephanie Flanders
Head of Economics and Government, Bloomberg News, New York

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Sunday, February 16

Europe in the World

12.15 – 13.00
Conference Hall

Main Stage I: Panel Discussion
Never Waste a Quarter-Life Crisis: New Solutions in a Polarized Century

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya
Head, United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Minsk

Elena Motta
Member, Congress of the Republic of Guatemala, Guatemala City; Women Parliamentarians Program 2025

Anne Applebaum
Staff Writer, The Atlantic; Senior Fellow, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Pulitzer Prize Winner 2004, Washington, DC

Moderator: Benedikt Franke
Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Munich Security Conference; Executive Director, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

13.00 – 13.10
Conference Hall

Conference Closing

Christoph Heusgen
Ambassador; Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Member of the Foundation Council, Munich Security Conference Foundation, Munich

13.30 – 15.00

Lunches