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**Der Internationale  
Karlspreis zu Aachen**  
Für die Einheit Europas

# Programme

## Words of Welcome

11:00

MAIN STAGE

- Thomas Prefi, Chairman, Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen

## Keynote

- Nathanael Liminski, Minister for Federal, European and International Affairs and the Media and Head of the State Chancellery of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

## State of the Union:

11:15 - 12:30

### Taking Stock & Thinking Ahead

MAIN STAGE

Europe faces an unprecedented plethora of challenges: from war to the repudiation of liberalism, from the post-pandemic economic recovery to climate change, from digital revolutions to geopolitical instability, from aging populations to migration. Yet, crises can also create momentum for enhanced cohesion and unity. In this regard, the European Political Community is a case in point. Similarly, the Conference on the Future of Europe has clearly demonstrated the strong wish of European citizens to move the debate on European integration forward. How far has the EU actually come in its development from a regulatory body to a political entity? How does the Union grapple with problems of identity, sovereignty and solidarity in view of a dissonant public audience? Pulling together or pulling apart – which side is gaining the upper hand?

- Heather A. Conley, President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
- Anne Deighton, Emeritus Professor of European International Politics, Wolfson College, University of Oxford
- Heather Grabbe, Senior Adviser, Open Society Foundations
- Kiran Klaus Patel, Chair of European History, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- Jan Zielonka, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford and University of Venice, Ca' Foscari
- **Chair:** Shada Islam, Managing Director, New Horizons Project

Lunch Break: 12:30 - 13:30

## The European Union's Strategic Compass: Rethinking Security

13:30 - 14:45

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In February 2022, war returned to Europe. The continent's security order has been rocked to its foundations. For Europe, this moment in world history will prove to be a decisive one. When Russian troops invaded Ukraine, the European Union's Strategic Compass, intended to provide a common strategic vision for the EU security and defence agenda for the next ten years, was overtaken by the reality of war and then rewritten within weeks. Security with all its different facets, including energy, food and cyber, has been at the top of the agenda ever since. What are the main threats to European security? What kind of security actor is the EU or at least aspires to be? While Europe's dependence on American military, economic and financial might has grown, is this, nonetheless, the time for Europe to begin to develop autonomy from the United States?

- Rosa Balfour, Director, Carnegie Europe
- Ian Bond, Director of Foreign Policy, Centre for European Reform
- Theresa Fallon, Director, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies
- Andrew A. Michta, Dean of the College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies
- **Chair:** Terry Martin, TV News Anchor and Journalist

## Europe's Energy Transition: Balancing Energy Security and Climate Protection

15:00 - 16:15

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Only by acting simultaneously on energy substitution, savings and solidarity can Europeans find a way out of the current crisis. Saving energy, producing clean energy and diversifying the EU's energy supplies is thus the goal set out by the European Commission in its REPowerEU Plan. As renewable energy reduces CO2 emissions and increases Europe's independence from imported fossil fuels, the continent's renewable energy infrastructure is not ready yet to cover (rising) energy needs in the short term. How can the European Union ensure a massive upscaling of renewable power to replace fossil fuel-based power plants and still meet the increase in demand for electricity? How can it ensure the uninterrupted availability of energy sources at an affordable price? What investments are necessary to make Europe's energy infrastructure future-proof?

- Christophe McGlade, Head of the Energy Supply Unit, International Energy Agency
- Simone Mori, Head of Europe, Enel Group
- Gunnar Muent, Director General, European Investment Bank
- Achim Wambach, President, ZEW - Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research
- Kirsten Westphal, Executive Director, H2Global Foundation
- **Chair:** Maithreyi Seetharaman, CEO, Facultas Media

## Europe's Economies under Pressure: Adapting to the Current Challenges

16:30 - 17:45

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NextGenerationEU, the unprecedented fiscal package adopted by the European Council in the summer of 2020 to support member states to recover from the pandemic, stands for European solidarity in action. In addition, it has generated confidence in the resilience and competitiveness of the euro area. Today, however, disrupted supply chains, high inflation and flagging economic growth are impeding Europe's economic recovery and straining national budgets. How can European governments support households and industries in view of rising prices without disregarding fiscal consolidation? How can we best achieve the success and sustainability of both the green transition and the digital transformation without endangering the bedrock of Europe's economies? What instruments are necessary to secure joint financial programmes in the future?

- Stefan Berger, Member of the European Parliament
- Rolf Strauch, Chief Economist and Management Board Member, European Stability Mechanism
- Alexander Wilden, CEO, schwartz GmbH
- Nadina Iacob, Charlemagne Prize Fellow 2021/22
- **Chair:** Maithreyi Seetharaman, CEO, Facultas Media

## Brussels Speaking: In Conversation with Guy Verhofstadt MEP



18:00 - 18:45

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The debate on Europe's future did not end with the conclusion of the Conference on the Future of Europe. On the contrary, it is still ongoing. As the European Commission, along with the European Parliament and the Council, has committed itself to following up on the results of the conference, reforms to ensure that the European Union becomes a stronger, more capable, and thus more autonomous actor in world affairs are inevitable.

On the occasion of the European Year of Youth, young Europeans will discuss the future of Europe with MEP, co-chair of the Conference on the Future of Europe and former Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt. A highly distinguished politician, bright young minds from renowned European universities and recipients of the Charlemagne Youth Prize will exchange their views on the current state of the European Union and share their ideas to build a better European future.



# Morning Programme



European Youth Breakfast



09:30 - 10:30

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# Evening Programme

Words of Welcome

Thomas Prefi, Chairman,  
Foundation of the International Charlemagne  
Prize of Aachen

19:00 - 21:30

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Dinner Address

Gonca Türkeli-Dehnert, State Secretary, Ministry of  
Culture and Science of the State of  
North Rhine-Westphalia

Fellowship Award Ceremony

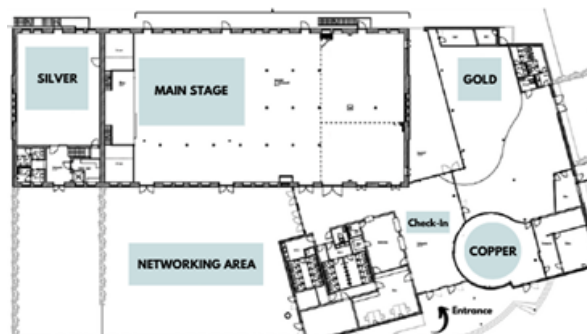
Research Year 2022/23

- **Christoph Erber (DE)**  
'European Pipe(line) Dreams & Realities:  
Assessing Future Energy Partnerships and the EU's  
Diplomatic Toolkit'
- **Sabine Kerssens (NL)**  
'How can the EU leverage the scientific knowledge  
through deep tech startups, to strengthen its position  
& achieve an equitable and resilient reset?'
- **Lisa Becker (DE)**  
'How can the EU leverage space to contribute to  
resilience, sustainability and security on its path to  
strategic sovereignty?'

MUSIC

Ye Bin Lim, Violin  
Frederick Pietschmann, Violoncello

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## Roundtable Discussions

**How Can European Policies  
Operate in a More Inclusive & Diverse Way?** 13:30 - 14:45  
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Feminist foreign policy has found its way from academia and activism into national and European political action. While the discourse focuses mostly on value-based external action with other countries and partners, at least as much attention should be paid to internal EU reforms to promote parity, intersectionality and anti-discrimination. What institutional and societal steps will be necessary to strengthen the EU as an inclusive actor? How can we assess the impact of policy efforts, such as the Gender Action Plan, or the parity debate?

- Farah Abdullahi Abdi, Author, Humanity in Action
- Samira Rafaela, Member of the European Parliament
- Martin Speer, Charlemagne Prize Fellow 2021/22
- Miriam Mona Mukalazi, Charlemagne Prize Fellow 2021/22

**AI Governance & Global Competition** 15:00 - 16:15

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The lack of clarity regarding the governance of artificial intelligence poses significant challenges to various areas. These include social, civic and moral aspects. In addition, the ongoing war in Ukraine has brought the use of Artificial Intelligence in military affairs to the forefront of the European AI discourse. While the Strategic Compass mentions the relevance of AI for military mobility, cyber defence and defence innovation, AI implementation in selected policy areas lags behind. How can Europe keep up with the global technological competition and what opportunities and risks might arise in the future?

- Tyson Barker, Head of Technology and Global Affairs Program, German Council on Foreign Relations
- Pegah Maham, Data Scientist, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung
- Axel Voss, Member of the European Parliament
- Justinas Lingevičius, Charlemagne Prize Fellow 2021/22

**Between Framing and Action:  
Pushing Climate Policies in Europe** 16:30 - 17:45  
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While the European Union often portrays itself as a global leader in climate action, the current energy crisis has made it increasingly difficult for member states to gain support for necessary but unpopular decisions. However, in view of Europe's democratic culture, the implementation of climate policies is and will continue to be dependent on EU citizens' support. How can Europe communicate its climate ambitions in a purposive way? What kind of framing is necessary and what concerns need to be addressed on the way towards a more sustainable and greener society?

- Patrizia Heidegger, Director for Global Policies and Sustainability, European Environmental Bureau
- Thomas Pellerin-Carlin, Director of EU Programme, Institute for Climate Economics
- Max Jacobs, Charlemagne Prize Fellow 2021/22