





| 28 FEBRUARY | 1 MARCH |
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| <div> 09h30</div> | Registration |
| <div> 10h30 – 12h15</div> | ► With a continent torn apart by war, what do Europeans expect from the EU? |
| <div> 12h15 – 13h00</div> | Lunch |
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13h00 – 13h05

Welcome and Introduction, Chair of CEPS

13h05 – 14h15

Opening Plenary: Moving Europe from darkness into light

- **Don Graves**, United States Deputy Secretary of Commerce (Opening remarks)
- **Arancha González Laya**, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs
- **Alexander Stubb**, Director of the School of Transnational Governance, EUI

14h30 – 15h45

LAB SESSIONS 1

- ▶ Towards international cooperation and convergence on AI policy?
- ▶ Friendshoring: towards a block-based instead of rules-based trading system?
- ▶ Sustainable Finance: between greenwashing and genuine sustainability
- ▶ Addressing high energy prices: have measures worked and what else is needed?
- ▶ The Ukrainian battlefield: what hopes for diplomacy to secure peace and lead on to reconstruction?
- ▶ How can we enforce EU law and principles in Justice and Home Affairs policies during times of crisis?

15h45 – 16h15

Break

16h15 – 17h30

LAB SESSIONS 2

- ▶ Quantum technologies and cybersecurity: Harvest today and decrypt tomorrow!
- ▶ Have sanctions worked? Trade deflection versus trade destruction

- ▶ **Shock after shock: Are social policies delivering?**
 - ▶ **Raw material security for strategic autonomy: Can we avoid another dependency?**
 - ▶ **How can we salvage European strategic autonomy in defence?**
 - ▶ **The role of crises in the unresolved EU asylum reform and the Schengen non-enforcement dilemmas**
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18h00 –
22h00

Reception in honour of the 40th Anniversary of CEPS



Bozar – 23 Rue Ravenstein
1000 Bruxelles

We were the first European think tank to actively advise EU policymakers. Today, we're still the largest independent think tank in Brussels. To celebrate this milestone, we will host a reception dinner at **Bozar, the Centre for Fine Arts**.

The reception will be followed by a **high-level debate** to reflect on one fundamental question – *Why did we create Europe, as we know it today, in the first place?* Confirmed speakers for the debate include:



**Margrethe
Vestager**

Executive Vice-President
for A Europe Fit for the
Digital Age and
Commissioner for
Competition, European
Commission



**Sviatlana
Tsikhanouskaya**

Head of the United
Transitional Cabinet of
Belarus



**Marija Pejčinović
Burić**

Secretary General of the
Council of Europe