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The Annual Council Meeting was live on the 26th and 27th of June. Follow the conversation on #ECFR17.

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The ECFR Annual Council Meeting is one of the leading conferences on Europe's foreign policy. We follow the energy of the debate and this year we met in **Paris on 28 & 29 of May**.

With the multilateral order in recession, and the emergence of a new era of great power competition, we were focusing our attention on how to defend Europe in the New World Disorder.

Our intimate forum, gathering ECFR's Council Members once a year, stands out by retaining the intimacy and interactivity of a private club, allowing a range of high-level speakers from Europe and beyond to look creatively and practically at Europe's long-term prospects and its role in the world.

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12:45 - 12:50 Welcome

By Carl Bildt, Co-chair of the Board of ECFR

12:50 - 13:00 Scene-Setter

By Mark Leonard, Director of ECFR

13:00 - 13:45 Europe and the world order: ECFR's Power Audits

Find here the ECFR Power Audits on [China](#), [Russia](#), [Turkey](#) and the [United States](#).

Speakers:

Asli Aydintasbas, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR

Francois Godement, Director of the Asia and China Programme, ECFR

Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR

Moderator:

Mark Leonard, Director of ECFR

13:45 - 14:45 Can Europe defend itself in a new world disorder?

Speakers:

Denis Mercier, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO

Arnaud Danjean, Member of the European Parliament

Norbert Röttgen, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Bundestag

Nathalie Tocci, Director of the International Affairs Institute

Moderator: Philip Stephens, Chief Political Commentator, Financial Times

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14:45 - 15:15 ECFR Keynote: The European Intervention Initiative

Speech by Florence Parly, Minister for the Armed Forces of France, on the European Intervention Initiative.

15:40 - 16:40 Breakout sessions in parallel

China: The last hope for multilateralism?

Speakers:

Mathieu Duchatel, Senior Policy Fellow at ECFR

Steven Everts, Senior Advisor at EEAS

Ana Palacio, Member of the Spanish Council of State and former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Moderator:

Almut Moeller, Head of ECFR Berlin Office

Rethinking cooperation with Libya and the Sahel in an age of migration and populism

Speakers:

Mary Fitzgerald, Libya Specialist

Bert Koenders, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Andrew Lebovich, Visiting Fellow at ECFR

Pierre Vimont, former Secretary General at EEAS

Moderator:

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Alessandra Galloni, Global News Editor at Reuters

16:45 - 17:45 Can Europe be the saviour of the liberal order?

Speakers:

Timothy Garton Ash, Professor of European Studies, University of Oxford

John Ikenberry, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University

Karolina Wigura, Member of the Board, Kultura Liberalna Foundation

Moderator: Silvie Kauffmann, Editorial Director at Le Monde

17:45 - 18:45 Saudi Arabia and Iran as the new decisive frontline in the Middle East

Read more in the policy brief [The Middle East's New Battle Lines](#).

Speakers:

Abdel Aziz Abu Hamad Aluwaisheg, Assistant Secretary General for Political and Negotiation Affairs, GCC

Basma Kodmani, Executive Director, Arab Reform Initiative

Seyed Hossein Mousavian, Former Iranian Ambassador and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council

Justin Vaïsse, Director of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Moderator: Julien Barnes-Dacey, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Programme, ECFR

ACM Agenda - Tuesday 29 May 2018

09:00 - 09:30 ECFR Keynote: How to save the European Union.

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Speech by George Soros, Founder and Chair of Open Society Foundations

09:30 - 10:00 Western Balkans: The EU and great power competition

Speakers:

Aleksander Vučić, President of Serbia

Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania

Radmila Šekerinska, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Macedonia

Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe, Federal Republic of Germany

Moderator: Vessela Tcherneva, Deputy Director of Advocacy and Programmes at ECFR

10:30 - 11:30 EU on Russia/Ukraine: Time to move beyond sanctions?

Speakers:

Lina Linkevicius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Nicu Popescu, Senior Analyst, EUISS

Hannes Swoboda, Former President of Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, European Parliament

Moderator: Christine Ockrent, Presenter of Affaires Etrangères, France Culture

11:50 - 12:50 Breakout sessions in parallel

Reviewing Europe's foreign, security and development policy in light of MFF budget discussions

Speakers:

Valerie Amos, Director at SOAS, University of London

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Ales Chmelar, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

Shahin Vallee, Senior Economist at Soros Fund Management

Moderator:

Susi Dennison, Director of European Power Programme at ECFR

The attack on the non-proliferation order: The cases of Iran and North Korea

Speakers:

Nicolas de Riviere, Director General for Political Affairs and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France

Eran Etzion, Policy Entrepreneur and former Deputy Head of National Security Council of Israel

Ellie Geranmayeh, Senior Policy Fellow at ECFR

Bruno Tertrais, Deputy Director, Foundation pour la recherche strategique

Moderator:

Delphine O, Foreign Affairs Committee, Assemblée Nationale

The digital revolution: Disrupting politics, economics, war and foreign policy

Speakers:

Berit Andersen, CEO and Editor-in-Chief at Scout.ai

Anthony Giddens, Life Fellow at University of Cambridge

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Alexander Klimburg, Director Cyber Policy and Resilience Programme, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies

Viktor Mayer-Schoenberger, Professor of Internet Governance and Regulation, University of Oxford

Moderator:

Ulrike Franke, Policy Fellow at ECFR

13:00 - 14:00 "La Grande Marche" at the Parliament elections: Opportunity for change in 2019?

Speakers:

Pieyre-Alexandre Anglade, Member of Assemblée Nationale

Diana Janse, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Swedish Moderate Party

Moderator: Tom Nuttall, Charlemagne Columnist, The Economist

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All young people without experience of work and life!!

How to save Europe - speech by George Soros at ECFR 2018

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