

# ANNUAL EU BUDGET CONFERENCE

10 OCTOBER 2022

ENHANCING EU STRATEGIC AUTONOMY  
A BUDGET FOR A GEOPOLITICAL EUROPE



## MORNING

08:30 - 09:40

WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

09:40 - 09:50

WELCOME REMARKS

09:50 - 10:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The EU Budget - financing today the Europe of tomorrow

10:00 - 11:00

FIRST THEMATIC DEBATE

Investing in deterrence – A budget for security and defence

- The Russian invasion prompted some Member States to scale up national defence spending, what role for the EU budget in this new environment?
- Is the EU budget sufficiently equipped in the areas of security and defence?
- Which expenditure areas bring European added value and contribute to an effective EU strategic autonomy?
- How can the EU strengthen its cybersecurity and equip itself against other hybrid threats?

11:00 - 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

SECOND THEMATIC DEBATE

Investing in energy security and independence: trade-off or synergy with the green transition?

- Is the Russian invasion of Ukraine a catalyst or a hindrance to achieving energy security and the green transition?
- What role for the EU budget in securing energy supply, mitigating the impact of increasing energy prices and thus contributing to the EU strategic autonomy?
- How do budgetary instruments promote the energy transition away from fossil fuels?
- How to finance Europe's energy and climate needs looking forward?

12:30 - 14:15

LUNCH BREAK

**Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, European Commission

**Ursula von der Leyen**, President, European Commission

**Moderator: Paola Tamma**, reporter, Politico

**Panellists:**

**Thierry Breton**, Commissioner for Internal Market, European Commission

**Rasa Juknevičienė**, MEP, Vice-chair Subcommittee on Security and Defence, European Parliament

**Alessandro Profumo**, CEO, Leonardo

**Mircea Geoană**, Deputy Secretary General, NATO

**Moderator: Thomas Pellerin-Carlin**, Director, EU Programme, Institute for Climate Economics (I4CE)

**Panellists:**

**Tinne Van der Straeten**, Minister of Energy, Belgium

**Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General for Budget, European Commission

**Michala Marcussen**, Group Chief economist, Société Générale

**Tim Gould**, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency

# AFTERNOON

**14:15 - 14:30**

## TED-STYLE TALK

“Financing EU strategic autonomy”

**14:30 - 15:45**

## THIRD THEMATIC DEBATE

**An EU budget for a geopolitical Europe**

- Is the EU budget up to the task for a geopolitical and strategically autonomous Europe?
- What lessons can be learnt from the EU budget’s response to the recent crises ?
- Does the EU budget have the necessary resources, appropriate instruments and flexibility?
- Can the current EU financial architecture withstand the economic consequences of the war on Member States’ economies?

**15:45 – 15:55**

## KEYNOTE SPEECH

**A budget for Europe in a new geopolitical environment**

**15:55 – 16:10**

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE - YOUTH PERSPECTIVES

**Takeaways for a brighter tomorrow**

- What issues do young people want to see addressed in the EU budget in the coming years?
- What are your takeaways from the conference?
- What makes you hopeful for the future?

**16:10 – 16:15**

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Alexander Stubb**, Director, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

**Moderator: Maria Tadeo**, Europe reporter, Bloomberg

**Introductory speech: Zbyněk Stanjura**, Minister of Finance, Czechia

### **Panellists:**

**Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, European Commission

**Sigrid Kaag**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Netherlands

**Monika Hohlmeier**, MEP, Chair Committee on Budgetary Control, European Parliament

**Odile Renaud-Basso**, President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

**Arancha González Laya**, Dean, Paris School of International Affairs, SciencesPo Paris

**Andrej Plenković**, Prime Minister, Croatia

**Commissioner Johannes Hahn** in conversation with **Gianna Zoukidou**, Human Rights Officer, UN Monitoring Mission in Ukraine and **Alexandre Romanenko**, Student at Sorbonne University in Paris

**Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, European Commission

Master of Ceremony:  
**Jennifer Baker**, Journalist



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