

# EUROPE 2025

## 26-27 MARCH

**DAY 1**

Status 18 March 2025

### Rethinking European Sovereignty

**Welcome:** **Nicolas Köhn**, Managing Director, Tagesspiegel; **Andrea Wasmuth**, CEO, Handelsblatt Media Group; **Dr. Rainer Esser**, CEO, ZEIT Publishing Group

09:15 – 09:25

#### European Sovereignty – Media Round Table - Outlook 2025

09:25 – 10:00

#### Trumps „America First“ – Weckruf für Europa?

**Dr. Anna Sauerbrey**, Foreign Policy Coordinator, DIE ZEIT; **Anja Wehler-Schöck**, International Editor and Member of the Editorial Board, Tagesspiegel, **Max Haerder**, WirtschaftsWoche; **Charlotte Haunhorst**, Head of Digital and member of the editorial board, Handelsblatt  
 Moderation: **Matthias Deiss**, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, ARD-Studio Berlin

10:00 – 10:15

#### The Clean Energy Transition as Europe’s Economic Engine Room

**Simon Stiell**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Moderation: **Miriam Schröder**, Managing Editor Tagesspiegel Background

10:15 – 10:20

#### Impulse State of the European Energy Supply

**Patrick Herhold**, Managing Director & Senior Partner, BCG

10:20 – 10:40

#### Energy: Breaking Free? Europe’s Energy Sovereignty

**1on1:** **Patrick Pouyanné**, CEO, TotalEnergies  
 Hosted by **Sebastian Matthes**, Editor-in-Chief, Handelsblatt

10:40– 11:20

**Dr. Bahadır Basdere**, CEO, Trench Group  
**Michael Lewis**, CEO, Uniper  
**Patrick Pouyanné**, CEO, TotalEnergies  
**Emeline Spire**, Director Europe, Agora Energiewende  
 Moderation: **Horst von Buttlar**, Editor-in-Chief, WirtschaftsWoche

11:20 – 11:50

#### Networking and Coffee Break

11:50 – 11:55

#### Impulse Innovation & Competitiveness

**Andrej Levin**, Managing Director & Partner, BCG

11:55 – 12:25

#### Competitiveness: How can European Key Industries Compete in the Global Markets?

**Dr. Dominik von Achten**, CEO, Heidelberg Materials  
**Hildegard Müller**, President, German Association of the Automotive Industry, VDA  
**Dr. Markus Steilemann**, CEO, Covestro  
 Moderation: **Petra Pinzler**, DIE ZEIT

12:25 – 13:00

#### Finance: Closing the Gap: How to Finance the European Transformation

**Nicola Beer**, Vice President, European Investment Bank  
**Alexandra Jour-Schröder**, Deputy Director General, DG FISMA, Directorate-Generals for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission  
**Dirk Görge**n, Chief Client Officer & Member of the Executive Board, DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA  
**Prof. Dr. Ralf P. Thomas**, Chief Financial Officer & Member of the Managing Board, Siemens AG  
 Moderation: **Mark Schieritz**, Deputy Head of the Politics Department, DIE ZEIT

13:00 – 13:40

#### Innovation/ Pharma: Rethinking Healthcare

**Impulse by Christoph Glaetzer**, Chief Global Value and Access Officer, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine; followed by a discussion:  
**Dr. Georg Kippels**, Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Health  
**Dr. Malina Müller**, Head of Health Economics, WifOR Institute  
**Prof. Dr. Bernhard Wörmann**, Medizinischer Leiter – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hämatologie und Medizinische Onkologie  
 Moderation: **Charlotte Haunhorst**, Head of Digital and member of the editorial board, Handelsblatt

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#### Networking and Lunch Break

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Hosts of the Afternoon: **Miriam Schröder**, Managing Editor Tagesspiegel Background  
**Innovation/ Space Policy: Space – The Growth Market and Battle Field**  
**Dr. Walther Pelzer**, Member of the DLR-Executive Board (German Aerospace Center)  
**Karen Florschütz**, Head of Connected Intelligence, Airbus Defence and Space  
**Dr. Stefan Brieschenk**, Chief Operating Officer, Rocket Factory Augsburg  
Moderation: **Dr. Stefan Schmitt**, Editorial Journalist, Science Desk, DIE ZEIT

14:30 – 15:05

**Trust in Science**  
**Science under Pressure: Restoring Trust to Unlock Life Science Innovation in Europe**  
**Impulse by Prof. Axel Radlach Pries**, President, World Health Summit  
**Followed by Discussion:**  
**Dr. Martin Fensch**, Vice President Governmental Affairs & Strategic Partnerships Europe/Canada, Daiichi Sankyo Europe  
**Prof. Axel Radlach Pries**, President, World Health Summit  
**Prof. Viola Priesemann**, Max Planck Research Group Leader Neural Systems Theory, Georg August University of Göttingen  
Moderation: **Anja Wehler-Schöck**, International Editor and Member of the Editorial Board, Tagesspiegel

15:10 – 15:40

15:40 – 15:55

**Short Break / Change Rooms for Masterclasses**

**Block 1, Masterclass**  
**Health & Pharma**  
Room Plenum  
**Hosted by:**  
**Intuitive Surgical**

**Block 2, Masterclass Trade**  
**Hosted by: Unilever**  
Room Auditorium  
*In German: Translation is not provided*

**For our digital participants**  
**Block 3:**

**Meet the Editors-in-Chief**

15:55 – 16:50

**Health Equity and Robotics: How to Improve Surgery Anytime and Anywhere**

**Prof. Dr. Katharina Beyer**, Acting Clinic Director, Department of General and Visceral Surgery, Charité  
**Dr. Tilman Schlick**, Vice President Medical Affairs & Medical Officer, Intuitive Surgical  
**Moderation:**  
**Dr. Joachim Haes**, Intuitive Surgical

**Spotlight on the Shopping Cart: Unpacking Consumer Insights for European Innovation**

**Stefan Pfeifer**, Geschäftsführer Unilever Deutschland  
**Stephan Grünewald**, Gründer des Rheingold-Instituts, Diplom-Psychologe und Bestsellerautor  
**Moderation:**  
**Carolin Weber**, Leiterin Corporate Affairs, Unilever Deutschland

**Sebastian Matthes**, Editor-in-Chief, Handelsblatt  
**Horst von Buttlar**, Editor-in-Chief, WirtschaftsWoche  
**Moderation: Anja Wehler-Schöck**, Int. Editor and Member of the Editorial Board, Tagesspiegel

16:55 – 17:40

**Agri-Food**  
**Agriculture of the Future? Competitive and Sustainable**  
**1on1: Dr. Alexandra Brand**, Executive Vice-President Sustainability and Corporate Affairs, Syngenta Group  
followed by a discussion:  
**Dr. Christine Chemnitz**, Co-Director, Agora Agrar  
**Dr. Thomas Gäbert**, Board Member, Agrargenossenschaft Trebbin  
**Jörg Andreas Krüger**, President German Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU)  
Moderation: **Ruth Ciesinger**, Tagesspiegel

17:40 – 17:45

**Closing Remarks DAY 1, Outlook on DAY 2**

18:30 – 22:00

**EUROPE 2025 - Reception, By personal invitation of the French Embassy only**  
**Welcome: H.E. François Delattre**, France's Ambassador to Germany  
**Dr. Matthias Maurer**, ESA-Astronaut  
Moderation: **Jochen Wegner**, Editor-in-Chief, ZEIT ONLINE

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## DAY 2

09:15 – 09:20	<p><b>Rethinking European Sovereignty</b>  <b>Day 2: Welcome: EUROPE 2025</b>  <b>Hosts:</b> <b>Nicole Bastian</b>, Head of Live-Journalism, Handelsblatt &amp; <b>Sonja Alvarez</b>, Deputy Head Berlin Bureau, WirtschaftsWoche</p>
09:20 – 09:50	<p><b>Security &amp; Defense</b>  <b>Geopolitical Realignment – Rethinking Security and Defence</b>  <b>Boris Pistorius</b>, Minister of Defence, Germany  <b>Hanno Pevkur</b>, Minister of Defence, Estonia  Moderation: <b>Dr. Anna Sauerbrey</b>, Foreign Affairs Coordinator, DIE ZEIT</p>
09:50 – 10:20	<p><b>Security &amp; Defense</b>  <b>Geopolitical Realignment – Rethinking Security in Europe</b>  <b>Annalena Baerbock</b>, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Germany  Moderation: <b>Christian Tretbar</b>, Editor-in-Chief, Tagesspiegel</p>
10:20 – 11:00	<p><b>Security &amp; Defense</b>  <b>Geopolitical Realignment – Rethinking Security and Defence</b>  <b>Major General Dr. Christian Freuding</b>, Director Joint Planning and Command Staff Germany, Bundeswehr  <b>Prof. Dr. Anke Kaysser-Pyzalla</b>, Chair of the DLR Executive Board, DLR (German Aerospace Center)  <b>Margus Tsahkna</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Estonia  <b>Susanne Wiegand</b>, former CEO, RENK Group AG  Moderation: <b>Dr. Anna Sauerbrey</b>, Foreign Affairs Coordinator, DIE ZEIT</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Networking and Coffee Break</b>
11:30 – 11:35	Impulse: <b>Digital European Sovereignty</b>
11:35 – 12:10	<p><b>Security &amp; Governance</b>  <b>The Necessity of European Digital Sovereignty</b>  <b>Martin Merz</b>, President SAP Sovereign Cloud, SAP SE  <b>René Obermann</b>, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Airbus SE  <b>Dr. Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann, MEP</b>, Chair of the Committee on Security and Defence, European Parliament  Moderation: <b>Lisa Hegemann</b>, Leading Editor for Technology, ZEIT ONLINE</p>
12:10 – 12:55	<p><b>Artificial Intelligence &amp; Innovation</b>  <b>European Sovereignty and the Global Race for AI</b>  <b>1on1</b>  <b>Richard Socher</b>, CEO, you.com  Moderation: <b>Jochen Wegner</b>, Editor-in-Chief, ZEIT ONLINE  <b>Followed by Discussion at 12:25</b>  <b>Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer</b>, Head of Computer Vision &amp; Learning Group, LMU Munich  <b>Peter Sarlin, PhD</b> AI-expert, Co-Founder and CEO of Silo AI; Founder, Foundation PS  <b>Richard Socher</b>, CEO, you.com  Moderation: <b>Jochen Wegner</b>, Editor-in-Chief, ZEIT</p>
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13:50 – 14:15	<p><b>1on1</b>  <b>Dr. Jörg Kukies</b>, Federal Minister of Finance  Moderation: <b>Sonja Alvarez</b>, Deputy Head Berlin Bureau, WirtschaftsWoche</p>
14:15 – 14:20	<b>Change of Rooms</b>
14:20 – 15:15	<p><b>Block Masterclass 1: Digital Transformation</b>  Hosted by TUM Heilbronn  <b>European Sovereignty in the AI Age – the Public Impact Perspective</b>  Room Plenum  <b>Daniel A. Gottschald</b>, Managing Director, Die TUM Campus Heilbronn gGmbH  <b>Dr. Frauke Goll</b>, Managing Director, appliedAI Institute for Europe gGmbH  <b>Jens Mosthaf</b>, Head of GovTech Campus Baden-Württemberg  <b>Xili Wu</b>, Executive Director, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Management Initiative, IESE Business School  <b>Professor Dr. Samila Sampsa</b>, Professor Strategic Management, IESE Business School  Moderation: <b>Jakob von Lindern</b>, Deputy Head of Digital, ZEIT ONLINE</p> <p><b>Block 2: For our Digital Participants:</b>  <b>Meet the Editors-in-Chief</b>  <b>Giovanni di Lorenzo</b>, Editor-in-Chief, DIE ZEIT  <b>Christian Tretbar</b>, Editor-in-Chief, Tagesspiegel  Moderation: <b>Nicole Bastian</b>, Head of Live-Journalism, Handelsblatt</p> <p><b>Block 2: On Site:</b>  <b>„22 Minutes with Verena Pausder“</b>  <b>A Strong Europe: The Foundation for Competing on Equal Footing with the USA &amp; China</b>  <b>Verena Pausder*</b> Chairwoman of the German Startup Association + Q&amp;A  Moderation: <b>Sonja Alvarez</b>, Deputy Head Berlin Bureau, WirtschaftsWoche</p> <p><b>Power, Propaganda and the Decline of Democracy</b>  <b>Rieke Havertz</b>, International Correspondent; Host of „Ok, America?“-Podcast, ZEIT ONLINE  Moderation: <b>Fiona Weber-Steinhaus</b>, Team Lead, Foreign Desk, ZEIT ONLINE</p>
15:15 – 15:25	<b>Short Break / Change of Rooms</b>
15:25 – 16:00	<p><b>Health &amp; Pharma</b>  <b>From Innovation to Market: Germany's Role as a Driver of Innovation in Europe (in German)</b>  <b>Prof. Dr. Christof von Kalle</b>, BIH Chair for Translational Sciences, Director of the Clinical Study Center, Charité  <b>Dr. Jasmina Kirchhoff</b>, Project Manager for Pharmaceutical Location Germany, IW Cologne  <b>Patrick van der Loo</b>, Country President, Pfizer Germany  <b>Oliver Schenk</b>, MEP, Member Committee on Public Health (SANT), European Parliament  Moderation: <b>Thomas Trappe</b>, Editor-in-Chief, Tagesspiegel Background Health &amp; E-Health</p>
16:00 – 16:20	<p><b>The Future of Liberal Democracy</b>  <b>Dr. Katarina Barley</b>, Vice-President, European Parliament (via Zoom)  Moderation: <b>Nicole Bastian</b>, Head of Live Journalism, Handelsblatt</p>
16:20 – 16:30	<b>Closing Remarks EUROPE 2025</b>