

Panel discussion:

The Future of the European Union in a Changing World

6 key takeaways

1 / Shifting political landscape

The rise of right-wing parties is reshaping dynamics in the European Parliament, influencing policy direction and legislative priorities.



2 / Defence & strategic autonomy

There's consensus on strengthening Europe's security capabilities, but debate continues on the path forward—whether deeper integration and a European army is the way forward or whether better coordination alone will do.



3 / Economic competitiveness

Revitalising the Single Market and reducing fragmentation remain critical to ensuring Europe's economic leadership.



4/ Institutional reform

Slow decision-making weakens the EU's ability to respond to global challenges and remain competitive, reinforcing calls for streamlined governance across Parliament and Council.



5 / Transatlantic uncertainty

With Trump back in the White House, Europe faces an unpredictable ally, raising questions about trade, regulation, and strategic alignment.



6 / What this means for businesses

The EU's direction remains uncertain, but businesses must stay engaged. Advocating for market-friendly reforms, anticipating policy shifts, and building agility into strategy will be key to navigating this evolving landscape.

