



DOES THE UNITED STATES NEED EUROPE?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

November 14th, 2024

10.00 **Opening of the conference**

Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska, Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
Lt. Gen. Res. Mirosław Różański, Senator of the Republic of Poland,
Chairman of the National Defense Committee
Dr. Mantas Adomenas, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies

10.30 **PANEL I**

Strategic harmony or isolationism – on the future of transatlantic relations

The panel will discuss the future of relations between the United States, NATO, and Europe in the context of the US election results. Panelists will consider how potential changes in American policy may affect transatlantic cooperation, particularly in the area of security and defence. Experts will also discuss how Europe can respond to the changing approach of the United States by building its own defence capabilities, and how the changing international order affects the transatlantic alliance.

Panellists:

Jakub Wiśniewski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
Michał Kamiński, Deputy Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
Mantas Adomenas, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies
Brig. Gen. Mariusz Fryc, Vice-Rector, War Studies University
Marta Prochwicz-Jazowska, Deputy Head of European Council on Foreign Relations Warsaw
Office & Policy Fellow

Moderator: Michał Baranowski, Managing Director, GMF East

12.00 Coffee break

12.30 **PANEL II**

Technological Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy

In an era of growing importance of new technologies, this panel will address the challenges facing the United States and Europe in the context of technological sovereignty, cybersecurity, and the protection of democracy. Panelists will consider how Western nations can secure their technological advantage while protecting their democratic values in the face of growing competition with China and other authoritarian regimes that use technology to surveil and control societies. Discussion will include issues of digital sovereignty, regulation of technology companies, protection of personal data, and a common approach to cyber threats. The panel aims to answer the question of how the United States and Europe can work together to build a secure and democratic future in the technological era.

Panellists:

James Appathurai, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber

Julie Brill, Microsoft Chief Privacy Officer & Corporate Vice President for Global Privacy, Safety and Regulatory Affairs

Mikołaj Firlej, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford

Miłosława Zagłoba, Legal Counsel, The Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies

Bogdan Zawadewicz, Head of Geopolitical Risk Analysis, National Development Bank

Moderator: Michał Baranowski, Managing Director, GMF East

14.00 **Closing remarks**

Lt. Gen. Res. Mirosław Różański, Senator of the Republic of Poland,
Chairman of the National Defense Committee