

December 18-20, 2023
Grand Hotel Billia, Saint-Vincent
Skyway, Courmayeur
Aosta Valley Italy

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EMBARGOED: 18/12/2023

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

12-1:30 p.m.

LUNCH RECEPTION

1:45-2:00 p.m.

(Room Monte
Bianco)

WELCOMING REMARKS

Gilles Gressani, Director, Grand Continent; President, Groupe d'études géopolitiques
Renzo Testolin, President of Aosta Valley

2:00-2:30 p.m.

(Room Monte
Bianco)

OPENING OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE GRAND CONTINENT SUMMIT

José Manuel Albares, Minister of Foreign Affairs and EU, Spain

2:45-3:45 p.m.

(Room Monte
Bianco)

LEARNING FROM THE PAST, MOVING TO THE FUTURE: FIVE PATHS TO UNBLOCK THE EU

Michel Barnier, Former EU chief negotiator on Brexit, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Anu Bradford, Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization, Columbia Law School

Pascal Lamy, President, Jacques Delors Institute, Former Director General of the World Trade Organization

Lea Ypi, Albanian author and academic, professor of political theory at the London School of Economics

Romano Prodi, Former Prime Minister of Italy; former president of the European Commission

Moderation: *Stanley Pignal, Brussels Bureau Chief, The Economist*

4:00-5:30 p.m.

(Room Cervin)

REFORMING AND ENLARGING THE EU

José Manuel Albares, Minister of Foreign Affairs and EU, Spain

Tiago Antunes, Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs

Cristina Gherasimov, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moldova

Thorniké Gordadzé, Professor at Science Po Paris, Former Minister for European Integration of Georgia

Igor Mally, State Secretary for European Affairs, Slovenia
Milena Mihajlovic, Programme Director, European Policy Centre
Luminita Odobescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania
George Papaconstantinou, Director of the Florence School of Transnational Governance, Former Greek Minister of Finance
Klaus Welle, Former Secretary General of the European Parliament
Jonathan White, Deputy Head of the European Institute; Professor in Politics European Institute, London School of Economics
Jan Zielonka, Professor of Politics at the University of Venice, Ca Foscari and St Antony's College, University of Oxford
*Moderation: **Henry Foy**, Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times*

4:00-5:30 p.m.
(Room Zerbion)

REBUILDING UKRAINE, DEVELOPING THE REGION

Jean Pisani-Ferry, Senior Fellow at Bruegel, Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute, Professor of economics with Sciences Po
Pierre Heilbronn, Special Envoy of the French President for Ukraine's relief and reconstruction
Anna Colin Lebedev, Lecturer in political science at the University of Paris-Nanterre
Karvašová Ľubica, Former Advisor Prime Minister's Office, Slovakia
Odile Renaud-Basso, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Ioulia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine (tbc)
*Moderation: **Karel Lannoo**, CEO CEPS*

4:00-5:30 p.m.
(Room Monte Rosa)

POLYLATERISM AND BEYOND: TOWARDS A POST-WESTPHALIAN EU DIPLOMACY

*Co-Chair: **Pascal Lamy**, President, Jacques Delors Institute, Former Director General of the World Trade Organization. **Camille Putois**, CEO, Business for Inclusive Growth, OECD*
Klaus Dodds, Executive Dean for the School of Life Sciences and Environment at Royal Holloway
Brad Staples, CEO, APCO Worldwide
Nathalie Tocci, Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali; Professor at the School of Transnational Governance
Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation

4:00-5:30 p.m.
(Room Monte Bianco)

L'INTÉGRATION ALPINE DANS L'EUROPE DE DEMAIN : L'ÉLABORATION D'UN NOUVEL AGENDA

Michel Barnier, Former EU chief negotiator on Brexit, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Andrea Cavallari, Italian Plenipotentiary Minister, coordinator for

cross-border cooperation with France

Luciano Caveri, Assessor for European affairs, innovation, Recovery Plan and national mountain policies, Aosta Valley

Vasco Cordeiro, President of the Committee of the Regions

Hervé Gaymard, President of the Savoie

Riccardo Rigacci, Managing Director, GEIE Tunnel du Mont Blanc

Moderation: Gilles Gressani, Director, Grand Continent; President, Groupe d'études géopolitiques

Nota bene: Michel Barnier will be decorated at the beginning of the workshop with the title of 'Ami de la Vallée d'Aoste' by the President of the Aosta Valley, Renzo Testolin

4:00-5:30 p.m.
(Room Grande vue)

[CONFIDENTIAL] GRAND CONTINENT LITERARY PRIZE JURY

Chair: Barbara Cassin, Member of the Académie française; president of the Grand Continent Literary Prize Jury

Milena Busquets, Spanish novelist, journalist and publisher

Nada Chedid, Guadalajara International Book Fair Representative in Europe and the Middle East

Galyna Dranenko, Director of the Department of Romance Studies and Translation at Chernivtsi National University (Ukraine)

Giuliano Da Empoli, Political essayist and novelist

Jarosław Kuisz, Editor-in-chief, Kultura Liberalna

Agata Tuszynska, Polish writer, poet and journalist

Lea Ypi, Albanian author and academic, professor of political theory at the London School of Economics

6:00-7:00 p.m.
(Room Monte Bianco)

EUROPE AND THE SOUTH: BUILDING A NEW CONVERGENCE

Chair: Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation

Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Alberto Fernández, President of Argentina

Rémy Rioux, DG, Agence française de développement

Ghassan Salamé, Former Lebanese Minister of Culture, Professor Emeritus of International Relations, Sciences Po

7:00 p.m.
(Vinothèque)

ALPINE COCKTAIL, COURTESY OF THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE FOUNDATION

7:30-9:00 p.m.

INFORMAL DINNER

9:00-10:30 p.m.

PIANO LOUNGE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 **SPA BATH OPENING**

7:30-9:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

9:00-10:00 a.m. **THE FUTURE OF THE GREEN DEAL AND THE EU'S GLOBAL STRATEGY IN THE NEXT POLITICAL CYCLE**
(Room Monte Bianco)

Chair: Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation
Laurence Boone, Secretary of State for European Affairs, France
Guillaume Faury, CEO, Airbus
Jennifer M. Harris, Senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Former member of the policy planning staff at the U.S. Department of State responsible for global markets, geo-economic issues and energy security
Maroš Šefčovič, Executive Vice-President, European Commission, European Green Deal, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

10:30-12:00 p.m. **FINANCING A JUST TRANSITION**
(Room Monte Rosa)

Stéphane Boujnah, CEO, Euronext
Thomas Dermine, State Secretary for Recovery and Strategic Investment, with responsibility for Scientific Policy, Belgium
Maroš Šefčovič, Executive Vice-President, European Commission, European Green Deal, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight
Gregor Semieniuk, Senior climate change economist, World Bank
Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation
Charles-Henri Weymuller, Chief-economist, EDF
Moderation: Adrien Zakhartchouk, Civil Servant, Grand Continent contributor

10:30-12:00 p.m. **EUROPE IN THE NEW WORLD ENERGY ORDER**
(Room Zerbion)

Giuseppe Argirò, CEO CVA
Pierre-Etienne Franc, CEO Hy24
Jennifer M. Harris, Senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Former member of the policy planning staff at the U.S. Department of State responsible for global markets, geo-economic issues and energy security
Erkki Maillard, Group Senior Vice-President, EDF
Brad Setser, Whitney Shepardson senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations
Moderation: David Claydon, Partner and Founder, Kaya Group

10:30-12:00 p.m. **THE GREEN DEAL, THE NEW POLITICAL DIVIDE**

(Room Cervin)

Chair: **Jean-Yves Dormagen**, Professor of political science at the University of Montpellier, Founder Cluster17

Paul Magnette, Mayor of Charleroi

Giovanni Orsina, Professor of Contemporary History at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome

Céline Spector, Professor Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne

10:30-12:00 p.m.

(Room Grande vue)

**[CONFIDENTIAL WORKSHOP]. IL TRATTATO DEL QUIRINALE
NELL'EUROPA DEL NUOVO CICLO POLITICO (2024-2029)**

Co-Chair: **Marc Lazar**, President of the School of Government, Luiss University; **Paola Severino**, President of the Luiss School of Law and Professor Emeritus of Criminal Law at Luiss Guido Carli University

Andrea Cavallari, Italian Plenipotentiary Minister, coordinator for cross-border cooperation with France

Claudia Ferrazzi, Former culture and communication advisor to the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron

Hervé Gaymard, President of the Savoie

Anais Ginori, Paris Bureau Chief, *La Repubblica* (tbc)

Christian Masset, Ambassador of France

Giampiero Massolo, President of Mundys, President, ISPI

Marco Minniti, Chairman Med'Or Foundation, Former Minister of the Interior

François Revardeaux, Head of Institutional Affairs, Kering; Former General Consul of France in Milan

12:00-1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00-2:00 p.m.

(Room Monte
Bianco)

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF AI

Chair: **Martin Tisné**, President, AI Collaborative

Carme Artigas, Spanish Secretary of State for Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence (tbc)

Brando Benifei, MEP, co-Rapporteur for the Artificial Intelligence Act

Anne Bouverot, Chairwoman of École normale supérieure, co-chair of the French Committee for Generative AI

Anu Bradford, Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization, Columbia Law School

Marc Faddoul, Director of AI Forensics

Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO

2:00-3:00 p.m.

(Room Monte
Bianco)

**BUILDING A EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL BASE IN TIMES OF
EXTENDED WAR**

Guillaume Faury, CEO, Airbus

Stefano Pontecorvo, President, Leonardo

Stefano Sannino, Secretary-General of the European External Action Service

Margarita Robles, Minister of Defence, Spain

Jonatan Vsevirov, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia

Moderation: *Olivier Schmitt, Center for the Study of War, Copenhagen*

3:30-5:00 p.m.
(Room Zerbion)

INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Paul Magnette, President of the Socialist Party, Belgium, Mayor of Charleroi

Kalypto Nicolaidis, Chair in Global Affairs, Florence School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute Emeritus Professor, University of Oxford

Vincent Pons, Professor at Harvard Business School, 2023 Best Young French Economist Award

Klaus Welle, Chair of the Martens Centre's Academic Council, Former Secretary General of the, European Parliament

Moderation: *Fabrizio Tassinari, Executive Director FSTG, European University Institute*

3:30-5:00 p.m.
(Room Monte Rosa)

THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF MONEY: STABLECOIN, DIGITAL EURO, CRYPTOCURRENCIES

Chair: *Jean-Marc Puel, Founding partner, LeadBlock Partners*

Sir Howard John Davies, Chairman, NatWest Group

Niall Ferguson, Historian, Managing Director, Greenmantle

Sanja Kon, VP Circle

Daniel Segoin, Senior Legal Counsel European Central Bank

3:30-5:00 p.m.
(Room Cervin)

ECONOMIC SECURITY: A NEW PARADIGM

Alessandro Aresu, Grand Continent; Former Advisor of Prime Minister Mario Draghi

Jennifer M. Harris, Senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Former member of the policy planning staff at the U.S. Department of State responsible for global markets, geo-economic issues and energy security

Nicholas Mulder, Assistant Professor and Milstein Faculty Fellow, Cornell University

Moderation: *Max Krahe, director at Dezernat Zukunft*

5:30-6:30 p.m.

NARRATIVES AND COMMON GOODS: IDEAS FOR A CULTURAL

(Room Monte
Bianco)

STRATEGIC AGENDA

Giuliano Da Empoli, Political essayist and novelist

Barbara Cassin, Member of the Académie française

Lea Ypi, Albanian author and academic, professor of political theory
at the London School of Economics

Moderation: *Jeremy Cliffe, New Statesman*

6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Room Monte
Bianco)

STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR THE NEW POLITICAL CYCLE. EUROPE IN THE NEW MACROFINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Niall Ferguson, Historian, Managing Director, Greenmantle

Enrico Letta, Former Italian Prime Minister, Responsible for the Report
on the Future of the Single Market requested by the European Council

Nicholas Mulder, Assistant Professor and Milstein Faculty Fellow,
Cornell University

Isabella Weber, Economist, University of Massachusetts

Moderation: *Shahin Vallée, DGAP*

8:30 p.m.

FORMAL DINNER IN PRESENCE OF HER EXCELLENCY KAJA KALLAS, PRIME MINISTER OF ESTONIA

10:00-11:30 p.m.

PIANO LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 7:00 a.m. **LIGHT BREAKFAST**
- 7:00-8:00 a.m. **CHECK OUT FOR THOSE ASCENDING SKYWAY MONT BLANC**
- 8:00 a.m. **DEPARTURE FROM THE GRAND HOTEL BILLIA**
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. **GUESTS ARRIVAL AT SKYWAY MONT BLANC**
- ASCENT TO PAVILLON (at an altitude of 2 173 meters, 180-degree view of the Mont Blanc)**
- WELCOMING REFRESHMENTS**
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. **WELCOMING REMARKS**
- Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister of Italy, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. **GRAND CONTINENT LITERARY PRIZE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH**
(Salle Cinéma des Alpes)
- Barbara Cassin, President of the Grand Continent Literary Prize Jury
Giuliano Da Empoli, Member of the Grand Continent Literary Prize Jury
[To be determined, recipient of the Grand Continent Literary Prize]
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. **OPENING KEYNOTE**
- Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- 11:45-12:30 a.m. **STRATEGIC AUTONOMY FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS**
- Anu Bradford, Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization, Columbia Law School
Paul Magnette, Mayor of Charleroi
Isabella Weber, Economist, University of Massachusetts
Moderation: *Patrick Wintour, The Guardian*
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE: CLOSING OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE GRAND CONTINENT SUMMIT**
- Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister of Estonia
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. **ASCENT TO PUNTA HELBRONNER (at an altitude of 3 466 meters 360-degree view of the Mont Blanc)**
- (Punta Helbronner) **FAMILY PHOTO**

1:30 p.m. **STANDING LUNCH**

3:30 p.m. **LAST DESCENT FROM SKYWAY MONTE-BIANCO**

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