



European Economic  
and Social Committee

## Single Market, Production and Consumption Section (INT) [2025 Strategic Foresight Report \(INT/1099\)](#)

### EXPERT HEARING

27 January 2026, 10.00-13.00

EESC, Rue van Maerlant 2, Brussels, room VMA 22

### AGENDA

#### 10:00 – 10:15 | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- Antonio GARCÍA DEL RIEGO, President of the Study Group
- Philip VON BROCKDORFF, Rapporteur of the opinion

#### 10:15 – 11:10 | PANEL 1: STRATEGIC FORESIGHT IN GEOPOLITICS

**Thematic focus:** Exploring how foresight methodologies can inform geopolitical positioning, anticipate global trends, and strengthen resilience.

- Rafał Kierzenkowski, Senior Counsellor & Head of Strategic Foresight Unit, [OECD](#)
- Chris Earney, [UN Futures Lab](#) (online)
- Bronwyn Williams, Strategic Foresight Advisor, [UNDP](#) (online)
- Alice Ekman, Research Director, [EUISS](#) (online)

#### Debate

#### 11:10 – 12:00 | PANEL 2: THE EU'S FUTURE ROLE IN A CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE

**Thematic focus:** Exploring how major players are moving away from a rules-based order and assessing the EU's capacity to act as a geopolitical actor amid multipolarity, regional instability, and systemic rivalry. Discussion on strategic autonomy, security partnerships, and global influence

- Nis Grünberg, Lead Asia Analyst, [MERICS](#) (online)
- Penny Naas, Senior Vice President, [German Marshall Fund US](#) (online)
- Jean-Louis De Brouwer, Director, [Egmont Institute](#)

#### Debate

**12:00 – 12:55 | PANEL 3: ECONOMIC AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE PERSPECTIVES**

**Thematic focus:** Understanding economic interdependencies, global governance reforms, and the role of the EU in shaping fair and sustainable economic systems.

- **Nigel Pain**, Head of Macroeconomic Policy Division, [OECD](#)
- **Enrico Giovannini**, Scientific Director, [Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development - ASviS](#) (online)
- **Camille Reverdy**, Associate Fellow, [Bruegel](#)

**Debate**

**12:55 – 13:00 | CLOSING REMARKS**

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