



Tuesday, November 9, 2021. 14:30-17:00 CET

### PROGRAMME

Nine months into the Biden Presidency, the United States has reaffirmed its commitment to its European allies as well as the expediency of working with its transatlantic partners, to achieve desired outcomes. Given ongoing shifts in the international economic and political order, clearly there is no dearth of policy challenges that the United States and Europe could tackle together. As part of the **4th annual "State of the Unions"** conference, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) will bring together leading European and U.S. experts and policy-makers to analyze some of the key strategic challenges facing both the United States and Europe and how they can better cooperate on these issues. The conversations will explore what strategies are most effective for dealing with the profound democratic challenges faced at home, and the strategic challenge posed by a rising China and some of the progressive strategies available to counter it.

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Welcome

**Dr. Ian Lesser**, Acting President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

14:35-15:45 CET

Session I: Defending Democracy at Home and Abroad

**The Hon. Tonino Picula**, Member, European Parliament

**Dr. Jonathan D. Katz**, Senior Fellow and Director, Democracy Initiatives, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

**Dr. László Andor**, Secretary General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

**Mr. Thomas Wright**, Director, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

Moderator: **Mr. Vassilis Ntousas**, Senior Policy Advisor - International Relations, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

15:45-16:00 CET

Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 CET

Session II: Dealing with a Rising China

**Mr. Thorsten Benner**, Director, Global Public Policy Institute

**Ms. Jennifer Harris**, Senior Director for International Economics & Labor, National Security Council

**Prof. Stephen Walt**, Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

Moderator: **Mr. Andrew Small**, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, Asia Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

