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Programme

Evolving alliances: how does coordination of democratic countries' interests need to evolve in response to geopolitical pressures?

16-17 June 2023

(with departures on 18 June)

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Day 1 – Friday, 16 June

AM	International arrivals
1300 CEST	Early Arrivals Lunch (Restaurant Victoria or Roter Salon)
PM	Remaining guests arrive (hotel check in is at 3pm)
1500 CEST	Coffee (Grüner Salon - Green Salon)
1525 CEST	Participants take their seats in the Grüner Salon - Green Salon
PLENARY I	How do our democratic alliances need to evolve in response to the war in Ukraine and geopolitical competition with China? What are the impacts for the private sector?
1530 CEST	Welcome Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold.
	Introductions Director introduces the Speakers
	Roundtable discussion
	Closing remarks from the Opening Speakers
1655 CEST	Closing remarks from the Director
1700 CEST	Coffee (Terrace, weather permitting; or Grüner Salon)
1725 CEST	In-house participants take their seats in the Grüner Salon - Green Salon
PLENARY II	How can we best coordinate policy on energy security, climate change and technology policy? What are the impacts for the private sector?
1730 CEST	Introductions Director introduces the Speakers
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.
	Closing remarks from the Speakers
1855 CEST	Closing remarks from the Director
1900 CEST	Close
1915 CEST	Departure from the hotel to restaurant grüne Gans . Option to walk or to take Ditchley-provided transport. Note that it is a 20-minute walk through the park to the restaurant and you should wear suitable footwear.
1935 CEST	Aperitif
2015 CEST	Dinner at the grüne Gans <i>Seating plan displayed.</i>
2230 CEST	Transport returns to the hotel. After-dinner drinks available at the hotel

Day 2 – Saturday, 17 June

	Breakfast in the Restaurant Victoria (breakfast served from 7am)
0925 CEST	Participants take their seats in their breakout rooms
Working Group discussions – Session One	
0930 CEST	<p>Group A (Bibliotek - Library) Defence, diplomacy and politics The implications for defence, diplomacy and politics of the war in Ukraine, and growing geopolitical tension with China, including effects on the private sector.</p> <p>Group B (Grüner Salon - Green Salon) Energy security and climate The impact of the war, and growing geopolitical tension with China, on energy security and climate change action and the implications for the private sector.</p> <p>Group C (Kleine Speisesaal - Small Dining Room) Coordinating policy towards China Coordinating policy towards China across the Atlantic and beyond, to include a particular focus on competition on foundational technologies with national security implications, and the implications for the private sector.</p>
1100 CEST	Coffee (Grüner Salon - Green Salon)
Working Group discussions – Session Two	
1130 CEST	<p>Group A (Bibliotek - Library) Defence, diplomacy and politics The implications for defence, diplomacy and politics of the war in Ukraine, and growing geopolitical tension with China, including effects on the private sector.</p> <p>Group B (Grüner Salon - Green Salon) Energy security and climate The impact of the war, and growing geopolitical tension with China, on energy security and climate change action and the implications for the private sector.</p> <p>Group C (Kleine Speisesaal - Small Dining Room) Coordinating policy towards China Coordinating policy towards China across the Atlantic and beyond, to include a particular focus on competition on foundational technologies with national security implications, and the implications for the private sector.</p>
1245 CEST	Aperitif, followed by lunch in the Enrico d'Assia Room
1425 CEST	Participants take their seats in the Grüner Salon - Green Salon

PLENARY III	Reports from the Working Groups
1430 CEST	<p>Welcome Director, James Arroyo, welcomes everyone back and explains the procedure.</p> <p><i>The Rapporteur and Chair of each working group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before the remaining members of that group are invited to add their comments.</i></p> <p><i>Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.</i></p>
1435 CEST	Presentation of Group A's discussions
1505 CEST	Presentation of Group B's discussions
1535 CEST	Presentation of Group C's discussions
1605 CEST	Group photo on the terrace, followed by afternoon tea/coffee (Grüner Salon)
1630 CEST	In-house participants take their seats in the Grüner Salon - Green Salon
PLENARY IV	Conference Rapporteur presentation
1635 CEST	<p>The Conference Rapporteur will provide his or her reflections on the discussions over the course of the conference, identify unresolved questions or areas where agreement was not reached; and highlight any conclusions or concrete recommendations that may have emerged.</p> <p>Closing debate, with interventions from the participants.</p>
1715 CEST	Closing discussion: Taking Ditchley Deutschland forward
1745 CEST	Close
	Please settle your hotel bill this evening or on Sunday morning. See Notes.
1915 CEST	Drinks on the Terrace or in the Roter Salon
2000 CEST	<p>Black-tie Dinner in the Enrico d'Assia Room</p> <p><i>Seating plan displayed</i></p>

/Day 3 – Sunday, 18 June

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From 0700 CEST	Breakfast in the Restaurant Victoria <i>Please collect your luggage from your room after breakfast, ready for departure at 9.30am. If you require assistance, please ask at the Reception.</i>
0930 CEST	First vehicles leave for to Frankfurt airport and Frankfurt station for guests with earlier flights/trains.
1000 CEST	Arrival at Frankfurt airport <i>Please allow a <u>minimum</u> of 2 hours for checking in and security</i>
1100 CEST	Second vehicles leave for Frankfurt airport and Frankfurt station for guests with later flights/trains.
1130 CEST	Arrival at Frankfurt airport <i>Please allow a <u>minimum</u> of 2 hours for checking in and security</i>

Notes:

You should have few expenses during your stay: two nights' accommodation and meals as outlined in the programme are included.

Participants are however responsible for any incidental expenses, including room service, optional activities provided by the hotel, and food and beverages not outlined in the programme.