



2024 CELIS Forum on Investment Screening (CFIS 24)

16th to 18th October 2024 | Paris (France)

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Hosted by the CELIS Institute | Convened by Steffen Hindelang and Roland M. Stein

Draft Programme

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About the CELIS Forum

The CELIS Forum (CFIS) is the flagship event of the CELIS Institute, now in its 6th year, and Europe's first and foremost place to discuss investment and economic security issues.

Thought leaders in investment control and economic security from Europe, the U.S. and beyond debate current challenges and influential ideas from both a strategic and highly practical perspective to chart geo-economic strategies for Europe.

The number of participants is limited to no more than 60 speakers and 60 attendees. Participants are invited with the view to form a trusted community of economic security experts from business, government, and academia who deal with the subject matter on a high level. Discussions at CFIS 24 will be held in private (strict Chatham House rules apply). There will be no public sessions this year.

The CELIS Forum is convened by Professor Steffen Hindelang, Executive Director and Co-Founder of CELIS Institute and Dr Roland M Stein, Director of the CELIS Institute.

About the CELIS Institute

The CELIS Institute is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan research enterprise dedicated to promoting better regulation of foreign investments in the context of security, public order, and competitiveness. It produces expert analysis and fosters a continuous trusting dialogue between policymakers, the investment community, and academics. More about the Institute at www.celis.institute.

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Wednesday, 16 October 2024

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FORUM OPENING

17:00 – 18:00 CET **Registration and Opening Reception**

18:00 – 18:15 CET **Conveners' Welcome Remarks**

by *Steffen Hindelang* (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University) and *Roland M. Stein* (Director, CELIS Institute; Founding Partner, Blomstein, both Berlin)

18:15 – 19:00 CET **Opening Keynote**

Competitiveness in the New Geoeconomic Environment
(preliminary title)

by *Laurent Giovachini* (Member of the Executive Council; Co-Chairman of the Economic Sovereignty and Security Commission, MEDEF, both Paris)

19:00 – 20:00 CET **Reflections on the Opening Keynote: Fireside Chat**

Moderator: *Mehreen Khan* (Economics Editor, The Times, London)

Opening

Remarks: *Adam Vaccaro* (Director, Office of Investment Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.)

Ana Novik (Head of the Investment Division, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris)

Kaarli Harry Eichhorn (Former Vice-Chair and Member of the Board, American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union)

Bruno Dupré (Political Advisor for the Indian Ocean; Former Security and Defence Advisor to the Secretary General of the European External Action Service, Brussels)

Bimal Patel (Member, National Security Advisory Board of India; Professor and Vice Chancellor at Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat)

General Debate



20:00 CET

Dinner with Dinner Speech, followed by Drinks

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Breakfast

08:00 – 09:00 CET

The Security, Business, and Human Rights Breakfast

Technology Export and its Human Rights Dimension (preliminary title)

Chair: *Abdulwahab Alkebsi* (Managing Director for Programmes, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C.)

Speakers: *Tucker Boyce* (Foreign Affairs Officer in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. State Department, Washington D.C.)

Paola Gálvez Callirgos (Director and Founder of IdonIA Lab; Global Independent Consultant Tech Policy & AI Governance, Paris)

Thobekile Matimbe (Senior Manager for Partnerships and Engagement, Paradigm Initiative, Lagos; Member of the Board, Global Network Initiative, Washington D.C.)

Antoine Dumoret Mentheour (Head of the Arms Control Division, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Paris)

Morning Panel Sessions

09:00 – 10:15 CET

Panel 1

The Current Global Regulatory & Investment Environment: The OECD Countries' Perspective on Economic Security (preliminary title)

- What are likely to be the most challenging economic security issues that (Western and other) nations will need to address in the coming years, and how should they address them?
- On issues of economic security, how much convergence and divergence exists between OECD countries?
- How will the 2024 European, US Presidential, UK and Indian elections affect foreign investment regulation?

Chair: *Jacopo Dettoni* (Editor of fDi intelligence, Financial Times, London)

Speakers: *Adam Vaccaro* (Director, Office of Investment Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.)

Andrew Preston (Deputy Director, Investment Security and Organised Crime, British Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, London)

Joffrey Celestin-Urbain (Director, Strategic Information and Economic Security Department, French Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, Paris)

Rodrigo Monardes (Head of International Affairs, International Finance and Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance of Chile, Santiago)

Panel Sherpa: *Dominika Pietkun* (CELIS Institute)

10:15 – 10:45 CET

Keynote Event

by *Meena Sharma* (Director of the Office of Investment Security Policy and International Relations, U.S. Department of the Treasury)

10:45 – 11:15 CET

Networking and Refreshment Break

11:15 – 12:30 CET

Panel 2

Securing Europe's Future: Investment Screening and Economic Security in the Context of EU Enlargement (preliminary title)

- What are the priorities and challenges for EU candidate and potential candidate countries (Western Balkans, Eastern Europe) in balancing economic growth with national security concerns related to foreign investments?
- How can EU enlargement processes incorporate investment screening mechanisms to ensure economic security across member and candidate states?
- What role can regional frameworks and alliances (such as the Berlin Process) play in shaping investment screening standards and policies in the context of EU enlargement?
- How do these policies impact the integration of candidate countries into the EU's single market and broader economic and security landscape?

Chair: *John Kay* (Program Director for Eastern Europe, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington D.C.)

Speakers: *Mila Malairău* (Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova, Chişinău)

Serhiy Smetanko (Director, Department on Security Economics and Defense, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, Kyiv)

Viktor Mizo (President, Foreign Investors Council, Economic Chamber of North Macedonia, Skopje)

NN (Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, EU Commission, Brussels)

Panel Sherpa: *Liam McGrath* (CELIS Institute)

12:30 – 14:00 CET **Luncheon**

Foundational Keynote and The Regulator's Panel

14:00 – 14:30 CET **Foundational Keynote**
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14.30 – 15.30 CET **Panel 3**
FDI (Inward) Screening Mechanisms in the EU and its Member States – Latest Developments

- Reform of the EU Screening Regulation – towards an EU Screening Agency?
- Transition from Economic Integration to Geopolitics: What is the impact on the Internal Market?
- Diverse Member State Interests: Where to find consensus?
- EU's Economic Security Toolbox: Integrated Approach or Piece Meal?

Chair: *Géraldine Amiel* (Partner, Head of Office, FGS Global, Paris)

Speakers: *Thomas Ernoult* (Head of Unit, Foreign Investment Screening, French Treasury, Paris)

Peter Sandler (Director, Enforcement, Market Access, SMEs, Legal Affairs and Technology, European Commission, Brussels)

Ivo Nobel (Head of the Investment Review Office, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, The Hague)

Panel Sherpa: *Marcelo Sousa* (CELIS Institute)

15:30 – 16:00 CET **Networking and Refreshment Break**

Afternoon Panel Sessions

16.00 – 16.30 CET **Keynote Event**
 by *Arnaud Danjean* (Special Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, Paris)

16:30 – 17:30 CET **Panel 4**
Preserving the Battlefield Gap in the Area of Technology – Between Export Control and Outbound Investment Screening

- What are and how can the risks be addressed by regulatory regimes such as export control and outbound investment screening?
- What are the tools to address these risks, and what are the potential spill-over effects?
- How can we achieve a balance between security concerns and maintaining an open market?
- How can effective coordination and harmonization be achieved among allied and friendly nations in addressing these issues?

Chair: *Ana-Maria Belacurencu* (Case Handler, Foreign Investment Department, Romanian Competition Authority, Bucharest)

Speakers: *Oliver Sigaud* (Deputy Director, General Secretariat for Defence and National Security at the Prime Minister's Office, Paris)

David Rader (Senior Adviser, Defence Innovation Unit and Office of Strategic Capital, US Department of Defence)

Ryan Stoner (Deputy Director of Investment Affairs and Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. State Department, Washington D.C.)

Panel Sherpa: *Simon Sharghi-Erdmosa* (CELIS Institute)

17:30 – 18:00 CET

Networking and Refreshment Break

18:00 – 19:30 CET

**Panel 5
Investment Screening and the Firm – The Business Perspective**

- Balancing Security and Innovation: In what ways can the EU and its Member States balance the need for securing competitiveness, while not compromising economic security interest, especially in high-tech and sensitive sectors?
- Navigating Regulatory Hurdles: How can firms effectively navigate the complexities of investment screening regulations in the EU and elsewhere, and what resources (and/or special regimes) are available to help them comply without hindering their growth and innovation potential?

Chair: *Sarah Bauerle Danzman* (Associate Professor of International Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington)

Speakers: *Björn Grözinger* (Senior Manager Trade Policy & Political Intelligence, Mercedes-Benz Group AG, Stuttgart)

Tommaso Spanevello (Head of European Affairs, Port Haropa Port, Le Havre)

Sofia Bournou (Senior Advisor at Business Europe, Brussels)

Dominik Eisenhut (Senior Legal Counsel, Airbus SE, Toulouse)

Panel Sherpa: *Floor Doppen* (CELIS Institute)

CFIS Reception & Banquet

19:30 – 20:00 CET **CFIS Drinks Reception**

20:00 CET **Banquet with Dinner Speech**
by *Benjamin Haddad* (Minister for European Affairs, Paris)

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Keynote – The Judiciary’s Perspective

09:00 – 9:30 CET **Keynote – The Judiciary’s Perspective**
Economic Security and EU Fundamental Freedoms (Suggested Title)

by *Juliane Kokott* (Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), Luxembourg)

Questions and Answers moderated by: *NN*

Morning Panel Sessions

09:30 – 10:30 CET **Panel 6**
Investment Screening in the Military Sector

- Preventing the offshoring of key military supply chains in aerospace, semiconductors and AI to non-aligned third countries: Where do we stand as friends and allies?
- How does politics affect investment screening in the military sector?
- Economic and financing difficulties, risks, technical challenges for defense companies: How can the rules be improved?
- China-controlled technology supply chains in the military sector: Do EU Member State governments see growing risks and what are the next steps?

Chair: *Thomas Feddo* (Founder, The Rubicon Advisors; Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security (CFIUS), Washington, D.C.)

Speakers: *Sebastian Gräfe* (Deputy Head of Unit for Investment Screening, Federal Ministry of Defence (BMVg), Berlin)

Keitaro Ohno (Member of the House of Representatives, Diet of Japan; Former State Minister for Economic Security and Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense, Tokyo)

Jean-Baptiste Kerveillant (Deputy Director of Business Protection and Resilience, Industrial Affairs and Economic Intelligence Department, French Procurement Agency (DGA), Paris)

Panel Sherpa: *Neil Noronha* (CELIS Institute)

10:30 – 11:00 CET **Networking and Refreshment Break**

11:00 – 11:20 CET **Keynote Event**

Private and Sovereign Investment in Times of Geopolitical Tension
(suggested title)

by *Mike Gallagher* (Former Chairman of the Select Committee on the CCP; Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Wisconsin, Washington D.C.)

11:20 – 12:30 CET

Panel 7

Sovereign Wealth and Pension Funds and Investment Screening

- To what extent do Sovereign Wealth-, Pension Funds and similar government-backed entities pose challenges to national and regional economic security, and how can policy frameworks be adapted to address these challenges effectively?
- State-owned but not state-controlled? What are the different designs of government-owned investment vehicles and do current investment screening frameworks address these differences sufficiently?
- What are the broader economic and financial market implications of major de-investment decisions by entities like Sovereign Wealth- and Pension Funds in the context of global investment trends and economic security?

Chair: *Charlotte Hafstad* (Associate Lawyer at Røedter Bing; Former Member of the Norges Bank Investment Management's Council on Ethics, Oslo)

Speakers: *CHUA Eu Jin* (Managing Director, Institutional Relations, Temasek International, Singapore)

Ulf Sverdrup (Professor at the Department of Law and Governance, Norwegian School of Business, Oslo)

Grégoire Chauvière Le Drian (Head of Group Office in France, European Investment Bank (EIB), Paris)

Panel Sherpa: *Simon Sharghi-Erdmosa* (CELIS Institute)

12:30 – 14:00 CET **Luncheon**

Afternoon Panel Session

14:00 – 15:30 CET

Panel 8 Foreign Subsidies Regulation

- What insights have emerged from the first year of implementing the Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FSR)?
- To what extent is the FSR utilized as a strategic tool at the EU level, and which industries are most impacted by its enforcement?
- How does the FSR integrate with the broader EU regulatory framework and is it effectively achieving its intended objectives?

Chair: *Max Klasse* (Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

Speakers: *Daniela Mariotti* (Director Corporate Legal Counsel, Competition Law, Infineon Technologies, München)

Jani Ringborg (Economic Policy Advisor, European Commission Representation in Finland, Helsinki)

Pierre-Elliott Rozan (Head of the Trade Policy, Strategy, and Coordination Office, French Treasury, Paris)

Stephan Purps (Legal Director, BASF SE, Mannheim)

Panel Sherpa: *Dominika Pietkun* (CELIS Institute)

Closing Keynote

15:30 – 15:50 CET

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Farewell

15:50 – 16:00 CET

Final Remarks by the Convenors

by *Steffen Hindelang* (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University) and *Roland M. Stein* (Director, CELIS Institute; Founding Partner, Blomstein, both Berlin)

16:00 – 17:00 CET

Farewell Reception



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