



CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRY
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Europe at the Crossroads: Open Cooperation or Protectionism? Technological Sovereignty Roundtable

Thursday 18th March 2021

from 10:00 CET

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome and Introduction

Milena Jabůrková, Vice-President, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic

10:05 – 10:15 Opening Speech

Martina Tauberová, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

10:15 – 11:00 Keynote speeches

Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, Director, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)

Benjamin Ledwon, Head of Brussels Office, Germany's digital association Bitkom

Michal Pěchouček, Chief Technology Officer, Avast

Erik O'Donovan, Head of Digital Economy Policy, Irish business group Ibec

11:00 – 11:40 Discussion

Moderator: Radim Polčák, Vice-Rector of Masaryk University (MU) and the head of the Institute of Law and Technology at the Law Faculty at MU

11:40 – 11:50 Closing Remarks

Link for attendance will be sent in the beginning of the next week to the registered participants only. To register, please send an email to kkaluzova@spcr.cz.

SPEAKERS



Martina Tauberová studied international economic relations at the University of Economics in Prague. In 2001, she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, where she worked on different diplomatic positions until 2019. Between 2002 and 2006, she served as political officer at the Czech Embassy in Washington. In 2006, she returned to the MFA and acted as Deputy Director for Southeastern and Eastern Europe until 2008. Between 2010 and 2014, she was special assistant to the 1st Deputy Foreign Minister, where she focused on European and transatlantic agenda. Between 2014 and 2019 she worked as a Head of the Economic and trade section at the Czech Embassy in Vienna. After returning in summer 2019, she joined the Ministry of Industry and Trade and since November 1, 2019 has been appointed Deputy Minister for EU affairs and Foreign Trade.



Hosuk Lee-Makiyama is Director of ECIPE (European Centre for International Political Economy). He is also a Senior Fellow of London School of Economics since 2013. His publications spans across trade diplomacy, digitalisation and security. In recent years, he is particularly noted for his work on Europe's strategic partnerships, 5G security and data governance. Lee-Makiyama is regularly consulted by all the G7 governments and all principal organisations in economic cooperation, including the WTO, OECD, APEC, ASEAN and G20. He has appeared in hearings in the US Congress, the EU institutions and various legislative bodies in across Europe, UK and Asia. He is also a regular commentator in Western and Asian media, including CNBC, BBC, CCTV/Xinhua, Al Jazeera, Financial Times, WSJ, Nikkei, Reuters, Politico and others. Prior to ECIPE and LSE, he has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden.



Benjamin Ledwon is heading Bitkom's Brussels office. He is vice-chair on privacy & security and digital transformation at the European industry association DIGITALEUROPE and worked previously for a member of the European Parliament. He holds a master's degree from the London School of Economics, a bachelor's degree in history & international relations and a certificat d'études politiques. He is alumni of the German Academic Foundation and founding member of the Friends of the Brussels School of Competition.



Michal Pěchouček joined Avast as CTO in September 2019. Mr. Pěchouček leads the core technology and teams supporting the work of the Avast Threat Labs, Big Data and innovation teams. He is also responsible for the company's scientific research in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, machine learning and cybersecurity. Before joining Avast, he spent over twenty years as a professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at the Czech Technical University (CTU) in Prague, during which time he led the Department of Computer Science and founded the Artificial Intelligence Center in 2001. Before joining Avast, he was the prime mover behind the creation of the Avast Chair of Cybersecurity at CTU, and in 2019, he also helped to establish the Avast funded joint CTU/Avast AI and Cybersecurity Laboratory. Today, Mr. Pěchouček continues to lecture at CTU and lead the Artificial Intelligence Center. Recently he co-founded the prg.ai initiative aiming to transform Prague into world-class AI super hub. Mr. Pěchouček graduated from University of Edinburgh and gained his PhD in Artificial Intelligence at CTU in Prague.



Erik O'Donovan is Head of Digital Economy Policy with the Irish business group, Ibec, (www.ibec.ie). He co-ordinates Ibec's cross-sectoral digital policy committee and represents Ibec at several national and international (EU and OECD) fora on digital policy impacting enterprise. With Ibec since 1999, Erik's previous roles include Brussels-based Head of Ibec Europe, Ibec's permanent representation to the EU institutions and senior roles in environment, energy, and climate policy and as an affiliate sector director. He has third level qualifications in the following areas: analytical science, environmental science, applied European law, economic policy studies, cyberpsychology, design thinking and digital policy.

MODERATOR



Radim Polčák is the vice-rector of Masaryk University (MU) and the head of the Institute of Law and Technology at the Law Faculty at MU (Czech Republic). He is the general chair of the Cyberspace conference and the founder of the Masaryk University Journal of Law and Technology and the Review of Law and Technology (Revue pro právo a technologie). He is a founding fellow of the European Law Institute and the European Academy of Law and ICT, a panellist at the .eu ADR arbitration court and a member of various governmental and scientific expert and advisory bodies and project consortia around the EU. He also served as a Special Adviser for Robotics and Data Protection Policy to the European Commission. Radim authored or co-authored over 150 scientific papers, books and articles namely on topics related to cyberlaw and legal philosophy.