

GLOBSEC FORUM 2024

TOPICAL FRAMEWORK

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TAMING THE STORM

The global order faces challenges on multiple fronts. Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine remains a pressing concern, and the peace and security in Europe's neighbouring regions are more precarious than they have been in years. On top of this, pivotal elections are taking place across the globe, further adding to the uncertainty. We are at a critical geopolitical juncture where decisions made today will shape the future for decades.

With many Central and Eastern European countries celebrating 20 and 25 years in the EU and NATO in 2024, the region's journey toward peace, prosperity, and cooperation has never been more poignant. In light of this decisive year, the GLOBSEC Forum, under the auspices of **President Petr Pavel**, will convene leaders from government, business, academia and NGOs to devise strategies to tackle the myriad of challenges we currently face and those that lie ahead.

1. (Re)Defining the Global Order

Events of the past decade have endangered the global order. With the super election year in full swing and the potential for more disruption on the cards, now is the time to reflect and prepare for what's ahead. Engage in discussions addressing the resetting of transatlantic relations, the state of democracy in 2024, and strategies to foster sustainable and equitable global growth and relations.

- **The Fragility of Liberal Democracies Amidst Rising Nationalistic Populism**
- **Longevity and Attractiveness of the Concept of Liberal Democracy in Today's World**
- **How to Reverse the Trend of Polarisation and Disengagement?**
- **Strategy of the "Global North" Vis-à-Vis the "Global South" in a Time of Polycrisis**
- **Exploring US Election Scenarios and the Resetting of Transatlantic Relations**
- **Global Inflation Control**
- **Navigating Climate Change: Priority Setting in the Lead-Up to COP29**
- **Post-NATO Summit 2024 Reflections**
- **Strengthening and Forging New EU and NATO Partnerships Amidst Domestic Upheaval and Global Challenges**
- **Zooming In on NATO's New Northern Flank**
- **Deterrence and Defence on NATO's Eastern Flank**
- **Strategies for Black Sea Security**

2. From War to Just Peace

With Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine raging on, sustained and unified support for Ukraine is essential. Help us explore avenues to enhance integration efforts, combat hybrid threats, and pursue peace and recovery initiatives. Additionally, we will strive to foster constructive dialogue on other conflicts, such as the ongoing conflict in the Gaza Strip, wider crises in the Middle East and tensions between China and Taiwan.

- **Next Steps for Peace in Ukraine**
- **Avenues for Bolstering Ukraine's Defence Capabilities and Furthering Security Guarantees**
- **Strategies for Facilitating Ukraine's Integration Efforts with the EU and NATO**
- **Shining a Light on What's Happening on the Ground in Ukraine**
- **Recovery and Reconstruction of Ukraine**
- **The Future of Russia**
- **Peace and Stability in the Middle East**

- **Rising Tensions in East Asia**
- **Tackling Hybrid Threats and Malign Influence Campaigns**

3. Charting the GeoTech Frontier

Explore the ever-evolving landscape where cutting-edge technologies intersect with national security, geopolitics, and geostrategic relationships. From high-performance computing and AI-driven solutions for business and governance to the implications of emerging tech for national security, we'll dissect the intricate web of global power dynamics and chart the course for a future where innovation, economics, security, and politics coalesce. We will also explore the effects of emerging tech on the state of democracy and representative government worldwide and refine approaches to the critical conundrum: how to regulate innovation without stifling it.

- **Exposing AI's Influence on Elections in 2024**
- **AI and National Security: Balancing Security and Privacy**
- **Navigating the Digital Frontier: Defining and Securing Critical Digital Infrastructure: Cloud, Data Centres and Beyond**
- **Europe's New Tech Partnerships: With Whom, How, and on What Can Europe Develop New Partnerships?**
- **Data, AI, and the Future of Software-Driven Defence and Deterrence & the Role of the Private Sector in Defence and Security**
- **Pushing Back in Cyberspace: Strengthening Cyber Defence Against State and Non-State Actors & Integrating Cyber Into Broader Strategic Frameworks**
- **Critical Raw Materials and the Global Power Play**
- **Creating Conditions for Innovation in Europe & Preparing the Workforce for a Tech-Defined Future**
- **Global Semiconductor Competition and Supply Chain Resilience & EU-China Economic Relations 2.0**

4. Europe's Make or Break Moment

With the incoming new European Commission and Parliament, the opportunity to forge a renewed vision for Europe comes to the forefront. While threats on our borders and beyond remain and polarisation spreads across the continent, the potential for transformative change remains strong. Explore a new blueprint for Europe that includes enhancing European defence, rethinking EU policies to boost competitiveness, innovation, and strategic autonomy, and strengthening its industrial base and role as a constructive global player.

- **Europe's Next Chapter: A New Parliament and Strategic Priorities of the European Commission**
- **Rethinking EU Policies to Strengthen Its Industrial Base and Enhance Competitiveness, Innovation, and Strategic Autonomy**
- **Enhancing the EU's Role as a Global Player: Balancing Trade, Development, and Security Relations in the EU's Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods**
- **Harnessing the Progress and Advantages of EU Expansion & Strategies for EU Expansion Readiness**
- **Migration Realities in 2024**
- **Enhancing European Defence: Modernising the European Defence Industry, Leveraging Public-Private Cooperation, and the Role of CEE in This Endeavour**
- **The Information Challenge: How to Successfully Regulate the Information Space?**
- **The European Energy Future & Bridging Energy Divides: Renewable and Nuclear Harmony**
- **Unlocking Healthcare Potential in CEE**