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Invitation to speak from POLITICO
European Pulse Forum | April 9-10 | Barcelona

Dear Ms Pakosta,

We are delighted to extend an invitation for you to speak at the **European Pulse Forum** in Barcelona from **April 9-10, 2026**. We would like to have you take part in a **high-level discussion on Affordability & Inequality** that will take place at approximately **12 p.m. on Friday, April 10**.

The European Pulse Forum, a joint initiative from POLITICO and the Barcelona-based consultancy beBartlet, will convene senior policymakers and corporate leaders to address the pressing topics that are shaping Europe's future, such as energy, mobility, security and defense, investment and innovation.

The centerpiece of the event will be an original poll conducted across six European countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Spain) on a range of policy areas, which we will use as the basis for discussion. This conversation would be **on the record and open to the press**, so it will be covered by various media outlets and POLITICO's US and EU newsrooms to reach a wide audience.

We very much hope you will be able to join us and would love to speak with you at your earliest convenience to discuss topics and your availability. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Senior Editorial Director Emily Schultheis at eschultheis@politico.eu.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration, and we hope to speak with you soon.

Best regards,



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Format and background of the European Pulse Forum

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Event timing and details:

The forum will kick off with initial programming and a reception on the evening of Thursday, April 9 (from approximately 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) and continue with a full day of panels, policy discussions and programming on Friday, April 10 (from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

About the European Pulse Forum:

Unlike other fora, this new forum leverages public opinion data to broaden the debate. Each edition of The European Pulse Forum will feature insights from its European Pulse pan-European survey — grounding discussions in a clear understanding of voter sentiment across the continent.

POLITICO adds its in-depth, transatlantic journalism and policy intelligence to the event, complemented by beBartlet's unique methodology for shaping strategic solutions — ensuring discussions are both informed and actionable. The forum's innovative, outcomes-focused format will encourage genuine participation and deliver tangible value for its select group of senior-level participants.

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