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# Leading the Way: A Competitiveness Agenda for a Stronger Europe

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## PROGRAMME

**Moderator:** Rebecca CHRISTIE, Europe columnist, Reuters Breakingviews

15h00 – 15h10

### Welcoming remarks

- **Stefano MALLIA**, President of the Employers' Group, EESC

15h10 – 15h40

### Keynote speech - The EU's Competitiveness State of Play

- **Prof. Dr. Michael HÜTHER**, Director and Member of the Presidium, German Economic Institute (IW)

### Q&A

15h40 – 16h30

### Panel - Global Leaders or Followers? Insights from Business

- **Martin JAHN**, Member of the Board for Sales and Marketing, ŠKODA AUTO a.s., Vice President of Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic
- **Isabel Cristina DA SILVA GUERREIRO**, Head of Retail & Digital Europe at Banco Santander
- **Niklas JOHANSSON**, Senior Vice President of Communication, LKAB Group
- **Gratienne SIONCKE**, CEO, BORGinsole

### Q&A

16h30 – 16h45

Break

16h45 – 17h20

### Competitiveness in a Complex Geopolitical World

A conversation with:

- **Valdis DOMBROVSKIS**, Executive Vice-President, European Commission

### Q&A

17h20 – 18h10

### Panel - EU's competitiveness agenda: From the boardroom to the hemicycle

- **Anna CAVAZZINI**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens
- **Jonás FERNÁNDEZ**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D
- **Ondřej KOVAŘÍK**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew
- **Siegfried MURESAN**, Member of the European Parliament, EPP

### Q&A

18h10 – 18h20

### Concluding remarks

- **Sandra PARTHIE**, President of the EESC Section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption (INT)