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Europe and the UK: building a new partnership after Brexit

18-19 March 2021

Programme

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Legend:

CET: Central European Time

CST: China Standard Time

EET: Eastern European Time

EDT: Eastern Daylight Time

GMT: Greenwich Mean Time/UK time

DITCHLEY

Day 1 – Thursday, 18 March

0845 EDT / 1245 GMT
1345 CET / 1445 EET
2045 CST

Ditchley host opens Zoom call, for those who would like to check their connection.

We will open small Zoom break-out rooms for informal conversation, before the conference opens formally.

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+44 (0)1608 677346 (landline).

0900 EDT / 1300 GMT
1400 CET / 1500 EET
2100 CST

Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference, invites everyone to mute their microphone and turn on their video, and explains the procedure for the day.

PLENARY SESSION I

How can the EU and the UK build a new partnership on shared interests and manage divergence constructively?

Introduced by:

Tom Tugendhat MP
Ms Alice Bentinck
Dr Athena Coustenis
Mr Gunther Krichbaum MdB
Ms Rachel Reeves MP
Dr Alexander Stubb

After introductory remarks, the ‘floor will be opened’ for interventions from the participants, who should use the ‘**Hand Raise**’ function in Zoom to indicate their wish to speak.

Your active participation in the discussion is encouraged. Please familiarise yourself ahead of the conference with the location of the Hand Raise button: depending on your device, it is usually found under the ‘Reactions’ menu; under ‘Participants’, next to your name; or under ‘More’ on mobile devices.

1055 EDT / 1455 GMT
1555 CET / 1655 EET
2255 CST

Director provides explanation for the remainder of the day’s programme.

1100 EDT / 1500 GMT
1600 CET / 1700 EET
2300 CST

Break (40 minutes)

1140 EDT / 1540 GMT
1640 CET / 1740 EET

Participants re-join the meeting; A few words from the Director before participants are transferred to their Working Groups.

1145 EDT / 1545 GMT
1645 CET / 1745 EET

Working Group discussions – Session One

Group A: Economic competition and cooperation

Group B: Defending democracy and diplomatic, defence and security cooperation

Group C: Shared global and regional challenges: health security, climate, immigration and territorial integrity

1330 EDT / 1730 GMT
1830 CET / 1930 EET

Working Group discussion closes (hard stop)

We will open, upon request, Zoom break-out rooms for informal conversation, for those who would like to continue their conversation.

Day 2 – Friday, 19 March

0845 GMT / 0945 CET
1045 EET / 1645 CST

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0900 GMT / 1000 CET
1100 EET / 1700 CST

Director welcomes everyone back before participants are transferred to their Working Groups.

Working Group discussions – Session Two

Group A: Economic competition and cooperation

Group B: Defending democracy and diplomatic, defence and security cooperation

Group C: Shared global and regional challenges: health security, climate, immigration and territorial integrity

1130 GMT / 1230 CET
1330 EET / 1930 CST

Break (1 hour 25 minutes)

0855 EDT / 1255 GMT
1355 CET / 1455 EET
2055 CST

Participants re-join the meeting. Director welcomes everyone back, reminding everyone to mute their microphone and turn on their video.

0900 EDT / 1300 GMT
1400 CET / 1500 EET
2100 CST

PLENARY SESSION II: Presentation of Group A's discussions

The Rapporteur and Chair of the group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before

the remaining members of Group A are invited to add their comments.

0940 EDT / 1340 GMT
1440 CET / 1540 EET
2140 CST

PLENARY SESSION III:
Presentation of Group B's discussions

The Rapporteur and Chair of the group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before the remaining members of Group B are invited to add their comments.

1020 EDT / 1420 GMT
1520 CET / 1620 EET
2220 CST

PLENARY SESSION IV:
Presentation of Group C's discussions

The Rapporteur and Chair of the group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before the remaining members of Group C are invited to add their comments.

1100 EDT / 1500 GMT
1600 CET / 1700 EET
2300 CST

Break (20 minutes)

1120 EDT / 1520 GMT
1620 CET / 1720 EET
2320 CST

Guests re-join, with audio muted and video turned on.

PLENARY SESSION V:
Presentation by Conference Rapporteur

Closing remarks

1220 EDT / 1620 GMT
1720 CET / 1820 EET
0020 CST Saturday

Conference closes

The following portion of the programme will bring an invited audience from the wider Ditchley community, via Zoom, to hear a discussion of the conference, led by a panel selected from among the conference participants, and to participate in a Q&A. A **separate** Zoom link will be provided for this session, and all conference guests are welcome to re-join for this discussion, if they would like to do so.

1300 EDT / 1700 GMT
1800 CET / 1900 EET

Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience:
Europe and the UK: building a new partnership after Brexit

1415 EDT / 1815 GMT
1915 CET / 2015 EET

Close