A SAFE AND SOVEREIGN EUROPE IN A CHANGING GLOBAL CONTEXT

Guiding Questions

- How should the EU adapt its trade and investment relations to fortify economic security and resilience and reduce strategic dependencies? How to strengthen linkages between internal and external policies?
 - In a growingly multipolar world, what are the core interests we want to defend as EU?
 - What does it mean to trade with a club of like-minded countries?
 - Lessons learnt from Open Strategic Autonomy so far?
 - Is the new trade policy fit for purpose?
 - Will the Critical Raw Materials club and Global Gateway secure the EU's access to critical minerals and pharmaceutical components?
 - In the context of de-risking from China and considering China's growing global influence, how should the EU maintain a dialogue with Beijing?
 - How to build a new transatlantic partnership with the **US**? Should we deepen economic integration or focus on EU autonomy?
- 2. How can the Belgian Presidency ensure that the **New Pact on Migration and Asylum** will be implemented before the next European elections? And will the pact be able to strengthen the capacity to manage migration through striking a balance between engaging in necessary cooperation and protecting borders considering the current geopolitical climate?
 - When engaging with African, Asian, and Latin American partners, what should be the EU's approach to fostering mutually beneficial cooperation and addressing shared global challenges, such as sustainable growth, climate change and migration?
 - What shall be our guiding principles when concluding migration deals with countries of origin?
 - How to fight illegal migration and migrant smugglers?
 - How can we find a balance between creating deals with other countries, such as Tunisia, and respecting human rights?
- 3. In light of increasing geopolitical risks and new threats, what should be the strategic concepts guiding the **future EU defence and security policy**, including its cooperation with NATO?