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10th, 11th February 2025, Paris (France)

Co-chaired by French President Emmanuel Macron and Indian prime Minister Narendra Modi, the AI Action Summit provided a platform to address security concerns and ensure responsible and ethical development of AI.



Societal good

Employment



Innovation

Trust



Global governance

During the summit, several initiatives were unveiled, such as the EU AI Champions Initiative (€150 billion), the Current AI (€387 billion), and the InvestAI Initiative (€200 billion).

However, despite the support of 60 other countries, including France, China, and India, both the US and the UK refused to sign the declaration due to over-regulation concerns and the lack of consideration concerning the risks of AI to national security.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACTION SUMMIT



12th February 2025

In order to gather views on the next EU MFF, seven public consultations have been launched by the European Commission, covering various policy areas.



Agriculture



Competitiveness



Civil Protection



Education



Cohesion

This consultation period is particularly important given the changes the next MFF is subject to, due to the financial and geopolitical context in which the EU finds itself.



A budget based on national plans ensuring investment, reform, and transition, in line with EU broader objectives and common policies



Pool different funds into a greater funding programme



14th, 15th, 16th February 2025, Munich (Germany)

The annual conference, normally intended as a family reunion to assess the state of the transatlantic partnership, felt more like a family disunion.



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Vice President J.D. Vance's speech came as a shock to Europeans as he questioned Europe's interpretation of free speech, criticized its unwillingness to curb “out-of-control migration” and castigated the German liberal democratic parties' refusal to work with the far right.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy saw this speech as a wake-up call for Europe, or as he put it: “The old days are over – when America supported Europe just because it always had.”



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Throughout the discussions, a consensus emerged that EU member states need to increase their defence spending while strengthening NATO ties.

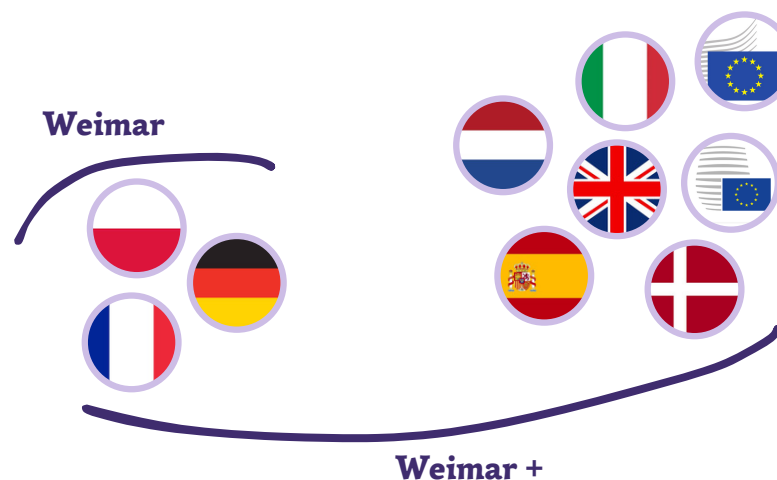
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MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE



17th February 2025, Paris (France)

Following peace talks between the US and Russia in Saudi Arabia, and the exclusion of the EU from the negotiating table, an emergency meeting was set up.



During the discussions, EU leaders agreed to :



continue to support Ukraine



include the EU in any negotiations on Ukraine's future



increase defense spending and improve collective security measures

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EU LEADERS CONVENE EMERGENCY SUMMIT AMID US-RUSSIA PEACE TALKS



27th February 2025

The presentation of the Fair and Reciprocal Tariff Plan (FRTTP) by the Trump administration, planning to impose 25% tariffs on all EU imports, has prompted sharp reactions from the bloc.



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Donald Tusk: “The EU wasn’t formed to screw anyone. Quite the opposite. It was formed to maintain peace, to build respect among our nations, to create free and fair trade, and to strengthen our transatlantic friendship. As simple as that.”

Pedro Sanchez: “We are going to defend our interests when our economies are attacked with tariffs that are completely unjustified and represent a veiled threat to our economic sovereignty. We are committed and prepared to do so”



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There are two possible answers to this:



**Simplify regulations on
US tech giants and buy
more American goods**



**Strike back with tariffs
on strategic US exports
to pressure US companies**

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EU RESPONDS TO TRUMP’S TARIFFS ANNOUNCEMENT



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