

EFA25 ANNUAL THEME & TRACK TOPICS

1 ANNUAL THEME: RECHARGE EUROPE

Eighty years after the end of the Second World War, Europe stands at a crossroads. The values that shaped post-war Europe – democracy, human rights, rule of law and social market economies – are being tested in an era defined by rapid technological change, geopolitical shifts and an existential ecological crisis. Europe needs a fresh burst of energy. As the global competition for influence, resources and innovation intensifies, Europe's response must go beyond defending past achievements. It must promote an ambitious vision for the future.

At the European Forum Alpbach 2025, we will explore how Europe can forge a path that combines competitiveness with its values and unique strengths. Together we will work on a dynamic European model that inspires and leads while preserving what is good and beautiful about our continent: from climate leadership and economic innovation to strengthening our democracies and ensuring our security in a volatile world. Together, we will renew Europe's potential.

A shared vision for a comprehensive renewal of Europe galvanised the founders of the European Forum Alpbach eighty years ago. Their approach is no less valid today. To ensure lasting peace and prosperity, Europe must continue to reinvent itself, rooted in values that go beyond economic metrics.

Join us at the EFA25 to recharge Europe: an energised Europe that preserves its foundational principles while embracing change to build a better future for all. Proud of what it stands for. Ready for what is to come.

2 TRACK TOPICS

2.1 CLIMATE

- **Europe in the World Days:** Collaborate to Compete: Making the Climate Transformation Real
- **Austria in Europe Days:** United in Emergency: Towards a Stronger Climate and Energy Union

2.2 DEMOCRACY

- **Europe in the World Days:** People and Power: Strengthening Truth and Trust
- **Austria in Europe Days:** Democracy and Rule of Law in the Digital Age: AI, Disinformation and Media

2.3 FINANCE AND ECONOMY

- **Europe in the World Days:** Innovation as Europe's Competitive Edge in Global Transformations
- **Austria in Europe Days:** Regaining Competitiveness: A Call for Action

2.4 SECURITY

- **Europe in the World Days:** Geopolitical Realignment: Asserting Europe's Role in a Contested World of Power Politics
- **Austria in Europe Days:** Towards a European Defence Union: Goals, Roles, and Responsibilities