

The United States and the Future of Europe

Perspectives from Romania

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

- online event, Zoom -

Agenda

10:45 - 11:00 (*) Registration of participants

11:00 - 11:15 Welcome speech

Oana-Mihaela Mocanu, Director General, European Institute of Romania
Jim Cloos, Secretary General, Trans European Policy Studies Association

11:15 - 11:35 **The United States - Romania Relationship is Set to Stand the Test of Time in a Volatile Global Context**

Mihai Sebe, Co-author of the Romanian chapter, TEPSA Book “The United States and the Future of Europe. Views from the Capitals”, Head of European Affairs Department, European Institute of Romania, Lecturer at the University of Bucharest

Eliza Vaş, Co-author of the Romanian chapter, TEPSA Book “The United States and the Future of Europe. Views from the Capitals”, Coordinator of Studies Unit, European Institute of Romania

11:35 - 12:30 **The United States and the Future of Europe**

Alina Bârgăoanu, PhD, Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, President of the Administrative Board, European Institute of Romania

Karlis Bukovskis, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs and an Associate Professor at Riga Stradins University, Latvia

Oana - Antonia Colibăşanu, Senior Geopolitical Analyst - Geopolitical Futures, Senior Fellow for Eurasia Program, the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Romania

Ionela Maria Ciolan, Research Officer, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Belgium

Aurelian Mohan, Expert International Affairs, Project Manager at Columbia University, USA

12:30 - 13:00 Comments, questions and answers

Moderator: Paul Schmidt, Secretary General, Austrian Society for European Politics, Wien, Austria

**Time zone: Bucharest time (EET)*

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The 7th issue of the book series “The Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals”, an emblematic editorial project led by TEPSA*, coordinated by **Michael Kaeding**, **Johannes Pollak** and **Paul Schmidt**, focuses on the topic of the transatlantic relationship. It brings forward national perspectives (both from the EU’s Member States, and the EU’s neighbouring countries) on EU–US relations, and on the public perception of the transatlantic relationship.

The contributions, dedicated to the national viewpoints on this theme, have been authored by more than 60 experts from 41 European states. Moreover, the authors set forth a series of recommendations for their country’s approach towards the bilateral relationship and the transatlantic one. The chapter rendering Romania’s outlook has been written by **Mihai Sebe**, Head of the European Affairs Department, and by **Eliza Vaș**, Coordinator of the Studies Unit, European Institute of Romania, between September and November 2024. They argue that a more pragmatic approach in the bilateral relationship is expected within the framework of the Strategic Partnership between the US and Romania. However, they also emphasize the results achieved through bipartisan support, over the course of different US presidential administrations.

The book was published by Springer and can be purchased [here](#).

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