



Draft programme

External Meeting of the Working Group on External Policies

THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY:

A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE EASTERN FLANK

8 May 2026, Riga, Latvia

ALFA room, Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa Hotel

Elizabetes 55, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia

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Friday, 8 May 2026

09:00-09:30 *Registration*

09:30-09:40 Opening by

Andrzej HALICKI MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament,
Chairman of the EPP Group's Working Group on External Policies (AFET)

Welcome remarks by

Sandra KALNIETE MEP, Head of the Latvian Delegation in the EPP Group, Vice-Chair
of the EPP Group's Working Group on External Policies (AFET)

09:40-11:00 **Panel I: *Competitiveness and the Eastern Flank***

Moderated by

Nicolás PASCUAL DE LA PARTE MEP, EPP Group Coordinator for Security and
Defence

Speakers

Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, European Commissioner for Economy and Productivity;
Implementation and Simplification, Former Prime-Minister of Latvia

Mārtiņš KAZĀKS, Governor of the Bank of Latvia

Guntis PUJĀTS, Chief of the State Border Guard of Latvia

Elīna EGLE, Chair of Federation of Security and Defence Industries of Latvia

Open debate

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-12:50 **Panel II: Security and the Eastern Flank**

Moderated by

Sandra KALNIETE MEP, Head of the Latvian Delegation in the EPP Group, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group's Working Group on External Policies (AFET)

Speakers

Baiba BRAŽE, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (video message)

Ainars LATKOVSKIS MP, Chair of the National Security Committee of the Saeima

Kaspars PUDĀNS, Chief of Defence of Latvia

Laura SKRODELE, Director of Entrepreneurs for Peace (Uzņēmēji mieram)

12:50-13:00 Open debate

Closing remarks

Andrzej HALICKI MEP, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Chairman of the EPP Group's Working Group on External Policies (AFET)

13:00-13:30 Special intervention by

Evika SILIŅA, Prime Minister of Latvia

13:30 Lunch

Esplanade Restaurant, Radisson Blu Hotel