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EUROPE IN A CONTESTED WORLD:

BUILDING SECURITY, RESILIENCE
AND COMPETITIVENESS

TEPSA Lithuanian Pre-Presidency Conference
19 – 20 November 2026

*VENUE: Vilnius University Institute of International
Relations and Political Science (VU IIRPS), Vokiečių
St. 10, Vilnius*



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All times are indicated in EET

Day 1 (Thursday 19 November)



11:30 - 12:30

Registration & Lunch



12:30 - 12:50

Welcome & Opening Remarks



12:50 - 13:00

**Video address by Prime Minister of Lithuania
Mindaugas Sinkevičius**



13:00 - 13:40

**"TEPSA's Recommendations for the Lithuanian
Presidency"**



13:40 - 13:55

Coffee Break



13:55 - 15:15

**Panel discussion I
"Strengthening EU and Euro-Atlantic Security and
Defence"**



15:15 - 15:35

Coffee Break

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Day 2 (Friday 20 November)



08:30 - 09:00

Registration & Morning Coffee



09:00 - 10:00

Panel discussion II

"The Next MFF: Can Europe Fund Security, Competitiveness and Enlargement at Once?"



10:00 - 10:15

Coffee Break



10:15 - 11:30

Panel discussion III (Parallel Session)

"Preparedness as a New European Security Paradigm: Borders, Societies and Critical Infrastructure"



10:15 - 11:30

Panel discussion IV (Parallel Session)

"Working Longer in an Ageing Europe? EU Member States Should Automatically Link the Statutory Retirement Age to Life Expectancy"

Organised in connection with the #LT27EU debate series



11:30 - 12:45

Panel discussion V

"Making Enlargement Credible Again: Ukraine, Moldova, the Western Balkans and the Future Shape of the EU"

Funded by the Horizon Europe Project "Invigorating EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy for a Resilient Europe"



12:45 - 13:00

Coffee Break



13:00 - 13:30

Closing Remarks



13:30 - 14:00

Farewell Lunch

About TEPSA

TEPSA trans-
european
policy
studies
association

The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) was established in 1974 as the first transnational research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high-quality research on European integration to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by the interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPSA is active on a wide range of research topics, focusing on differentiated integration, the EU's external relations, democratic participation and citizens' engagement.

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