



# AECA

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## Confirmed Speakers for AECA Jan – May 2022

<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b></p>		<p><b>Alexandra JOUR-SCHROEDER</b> Deputy Director-General, DG FISMA, EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p><b>“Sustainable finance - A renewed strategy for financing the transition to a sustainable economy”</b></p> <p><i>Ms Alexandra Jour-Schroeder will present and comment on the ambitious and comprehensive package of measures that are being adopted, making the EU a global leader in setting standards for sustainable finance.</i></p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</b></p>		<p><b>Mr. Olivier GUERSENT</b> Director General DG Competition, EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p><b>“The EU competition review process: Working towards a fair Single market”</b></p> <p><i>Mr Guersent will outline DG COMP priorities and report on the Commission’s comprehensive review of its competition policy to assess whether policy instruments in the field of state aid, antitrust enforcement and merger control are fit for today’s challenges, i.e. promoting the EU’s post pandemic recovery and creating a more resilient Single Market; fostering the implementation of the European Green Deal; and accelerating the digital transition.</i></p>
<p><b>VIRTUAL EVENT</b></p> <p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b></p>		<p> , EU PERMANENT MISSION TO THE WTO</p> <p><b>“The future of Trade Multilateralism”</b></p> <p> will report on the state of play in the WTO and the future functioning of the multilateral trading system after Covid-19, making the WTO fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</p>

**LIVE  
EVENT**

**Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup>  
March  
2022**



**Mr. Anthony AGOTHA**

Member of Cabinet of Executive Vice  
President Frans Timmermans,  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**"Fit for 55 – Europe's ambition towards  
Climate Neutrality"**

*Under the ambitious targets of the European Green Deal to become climate neutral in 2050, the European Commission has put forward a comprehensive package of legislative proposals to revise the entire EU 2030 climate and energy framework. Once adopted this will fundamentally transform our economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future and lead the transition globally.*

**LIVE  
EVENT**

**Tuesday  
15<sup>th</sup>  
March  
2022**



**Mrs Maive RUTE**

Deputy Director General, DG GROW,  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**"The New European Industrial Strategy"**

*Under the leadership of Commissioner Thierry Breton, DG GROW formulates and implements a number of the European Union's key policies. Maive Rute is responsible for the industrial policy with its focus areas such as climate-neutrality, raw materials, innovation and investments, IPR rights, standardization. She leads the work on tackling strategic dependences and building resilience.*

**LIVE  
EVENT**

**Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup>  
March  
2022**



Member (EPP, Germany),  
on the Digital Markets Act,  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**"The Digital Markets Act: Ensuring fair and  
open digital markets"**

*A few large online platforms act as "gatekeepers" between businesses and consumers. This has created significant competition issues. The Digital Markets Act is needed to restore fairness and competitiveness in digital markets. Together with the Digital Services Act, the Digital markets act is the centrepiece of the European Digital Strategy.*

**LIVE  
EVENT**

**Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup>  
April  
2022**






**Mr. Marco BUTI**

Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for  
Economy, Paolo GENTILONI,  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**"The Man Inside: A European Journey  
through Two Crises"**

*"The Man Inside" (Bocconi University Press), Marco Buti retraces the analytical underpinnings of the economic policy responses to the Eurozone financial and sovereign debt crises and to the Covid-19 pandemic. The book also draws the general lessons of Marco Buti's role as Eurozone builder for the future of European integration.*

<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b></p>		<p><b>Mr. Gerassimos THOMAS</b> Director General, DG TAXUD, EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p><b>“The EU’s Green Deal: The role of energy taxation and the carbon border adjustment mechanism in driving the green transition”</b></p> <p><i>The European Green Deal, transforming the EU into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy, was recently complemented by the REPowerEU strategy. Director-General Thomas will review and discuss how tax policies, together with market-based and regulatory measures will shape the EU’s green transition, while ensuring that the transition is socially just and the EU remains competitive.</i></p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b></p>		<p> on the Digital Services Act, Member (S&amp;D, Denmark), EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</p> <p><b>“The Digital Services Act: Towards the creation of a safer online environment”</b></p> <p><i>The European Parliament and the Council need to agree on a compromise text of this ground-breaking legislation that aims to regulate tech giants and provide users and businesses with a safer and fairer digital environment. Consumer protection is at the core of the position of MEPs who are defending the ambitious changes they have made to the European Commission’s original proposal.</i></p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p><b>Date to be confirmed</b></p>		<p> Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the EU</p> <p><b>“The G7 Leaders’ Summit 2022: Progress towards an equitable world”</b></p> <p> will share behind-the-scene aspects of his role within this Presidency and to comment on Germany’s G7 Presidency priorities ahead of the Summit of the G7 heads of state and government which will take place from 26 to 28 June in Schloss Elmau.</p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p><b>Date to be confirmed</b></p>		<p> Member (EPP, Germany),  EPP Group, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</p> <p><b>“The AI Act: A Europe fit for the Digital Age”</b></p> <p> will comment on his report and talk about the EU artificial intelligence act, the first ever comprehensive attempt at regulating the uses and risks of this emerging technology.</p>

<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p><i>Date to be confirmed</i></p>		<p>Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU</p> <p><b>“The priorities of the Czech Republic’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union from July to December 2022”</b></p> <p><i>The Czech Republic will take over its second presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Czech presidency’s priorities will focus on the single market, post-COVID-19 recovery, digitalisation and AI development.</i></p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p><i>Date to be confirmed</i></p>		<p><b>Mr. Timo PESONEN</b> Director General, DG DEFIS (Defence Industry and Space), EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p><b>“European Defence: The quest for strategic autonomy”</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Pesonen will review progress and outlook for the European Defence Action Plan (EDAP) and the Space Strategy for Europe, reflecting Europe’s ambition of strengthening its defence technological and industrial base.</i></p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p><i>Date to be confirmed</i></p>		<p>, EEAS - European External Action Service</p> <p><b>“The European External Action Service as the indispensable support for a geopolitical EU”</b></p> <p> will review and comment on the priorities of the EEAS with a focus on the future of the EU &amp; U.S. relationship.</p>
<p><b>LIVE EVENT</b></p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p><i>Date to be confirmed</i></p>		<p><b>Mrs Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN</b> Commissioner for Transport, EUROPEAN COMMISSION</p> <p><b>“EU strategy for sustainable mobility: A transport sector fit for a modern economy”</b></p> <p><i>Commissioner Valean will outline her priorities in developing a comprehensive strategy for sustainable and smart mobility, ensuring a transport sector fit for a clean, digital and modern economy.</i></p>



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**2022**

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, NATO

**“Global security challenges – How  
technology coordination can help reboot  
the transatlantic relationship”**

*The transatlantic relationship is at the core of preserving peace and stability on the European continent. We are now entering a new era of both traditional and emerging security challenges. will share his insights on the complex defence and security issues, and on a new approach for rebuilding trust and working together to meet the new threats which both sides confront.*

## **SPEAKERS IN THE PIPELINE**

, Member, (PPE, Lux), European Parliament

*“Leading the fight against distortive foreign subsidies”*

(Renew Europe, Czech Republic), Member, European Parliament

*“General product safety regulation: Improving the safety of non-food consumer products on the internal market”*

, Member (Liste Renaissance, France), European Parliament

*“The corporate sustainable reporting directive: Strengthening the foundations for sustainable investment”*

**Mrs Stephanie RISO**, Deputy Head of Cabinet of President Ursula VON DER LEYEN

*“Review of Commission President von der Leyen’s priorities at mid-term”*

**Mr. Stefano GRASSI**, Head of Cabinet Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson

*“The Energy Union – State of play and the way forward”*

**Mrs Stella KYRIAKIDES**, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

*“The Commission’s priorities for Public health and Food safety”*

**Mr. Valdis DOMBROVSKIS**, Executive Vice President & Commissioner for an Economy that Works for People, European Commission

*“Boosting Europe’s recovery”*

Delegation of the European Union to the United Kingdom

*“The EU-UK Relationship – Time for a ‘new normal’ post-Brexit?”*

Executive Board, ECB (European Central Bank)

*“The right policies for unleashing the euro’s untapped global potential”*