

## Agenda

Sunday, December 4

02.00 p.m. – 03.00 p.m.

Welcome Coffee  
*Library Lounge, Retreat*

03.00 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

### Roundtable Discussion I: Taking Stock of the New Security Environment: Is There a Transatlantic “Zeitenwende”?

*Pavilion, Retreat*

Possible guiding questions include:

- Data collected by the Munich Security Conference suggests that the people in the G7 countries jointly perceive Russia’s war against Ukraine as a “Zeitenwende,” or “watershed moment.” It is less evident, however, whether their shared perception of a “Zeitenwende” extends beyond Russia’s war. What are the main differences in perceptions among the transatlantic allies?
- Which “old” geopolitical certainties belong to a bygone era and can no longer be taken for granted by the transatlantic partners? Which new geopolitical challenges are already comprehensively debated within the transatlantic community? Which changes in the geopolitical landscape have not yet received sufficient transatlantic scrutiny?
- Which elements of a global “Zeitenwende” might help strengthen transatlantic cooperation? Which elements will likely prove to be bones of contention?
- How does the turning point affect the expectations the transatlantic partners have of each other? What expectations does Germany have of the US; what expectations does Washington have of Berlin when it comes to managing the challenges of this watershed era? What role – if any – does the idea of “partnership in leadership” play in this regard?
- Does the transatlantic relationship require major adjustments if it wants to successfully navigate the new geopolitical environment? If so, which adjustments are necessary and how can they be advanced?

04.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.

Coffee Break  
*Library Lounge, Retreat*

05.00 p.m. – 06.30 p.m.

### Roundtable Discussion II: Tackling Great Power Revisionism: How Do We Deal With Russia and China?

*Pavilion, Retreat*

Possible guiding questions include:

- What are the most concerning developments with regard to great power revisionism? Where are the revisionist efforts of China, Russia, and other powers most pronounced?
- How can the transatlantic partners best respond to increasingly assertive great power revisionism?
- Which elements of growing China-Russia cooperation are most worrisome? What are the implications of this alignment for transatlantic policies towards both countries? Do China and Russia need to be treated as interchangeable enemies? Which policy changes would that require?
- What types of measures should transatlantic leaders take should China start to openly violate the sanctions that the transatlantic partners and like-minded countries imposed on Russia for its war against Ukraine? Should transatlantic leaders drive up the price for China’s support of Russia even where Chinese support does not violate sanctions? What could that look like?
- How can the transatlantic partners help protect the peaceful status quo in Taiwan? What is Europe’s role in that regard?

- What are the prospects for a closer transatlantic alignment on trade with and investment in China? Where do the transatlantic partners disagree in their assessment of the political and economic risks? How can different economic interests in Europe and the US be reconciled? How much decoupling is possible and necessary?

08.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

**Dinner hosted by the Bavarian Government**

*Concert Hall Schloss*

**Monday, December 5**

07.00 a.m. – 09.00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

*Tutto Mondo, Retreat*

09.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

**Roundtable Discussion III: Persuading the Fence-Sitters: How Do We Deal With the (New) Non-Aligned?**

*Pavilion, Retreat*

Possible guiding questions include:

- What are the main reasons for the reluctance of many members of the international community to step up in the defense of the rules-based international order that Russia violates by waging war against Ukraine? How can the transatlantic partners address these countries' concerns?
- How worrisome is the reluctance of many members of the international community to defend the rules-based international order in the face of Russia's attack against Ukraine? Does this reluctance constitute a turning point in international support for the liberal rules-based international order?
- How coherent is the group of countries that prefers to sit on the fence on Ukraine? Is it justified to talk of a new "block" of non-aligned countries? What are the implications for transatlantic efforts to reach out to these states?
- How can the transatlantic partners, individually and jointly, better engage the many countries that have not taken a side in the war on Ukraine and that may not take side in a potential conflict with China? What principles should guide this engagement?
- How can the transatlantic partners more decisively respond to China's and Russia's revisionism without generating the impression among the wider international community that states have to choose between China and Russia on one hand and the West on the other?

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

**Coffee Break**

*Library Lounge, Retreat*

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**Roundtable Discussion IV: Implementing the Transatlantic To-Do List: How Do We Protect Transatlantic Problem-Solving From Domestic and Global Headwinds?**

*Pavilion, Retreat*

Possible guiding questions include:

- What does it take to sustain the remarkable level of transatlantic unity shown in reaction to Russia's invasion of Ukraine over the long term? What are the greatest risks to transatlantic unity fading and how can they best be addressed?
- What can transatlantic leaders learn from their joint actions in response to Russia for efforts to jointly address other geopolitical challenges that still lack the same type of coherent response?
- When it comes to implementing the many action items on the transatlantic to-do list: which items are most vulnerable to domestic political changes in key transatlantic

countries? Which items are most vulnerable to growing geopolitical tensions, including external efforts to divide transatlantic partners?

- What does it take to better insulate core pillars of the transatlantic relationship more broadly as well as progress on implementing the transatlantic to do list more specifically from possible domestic disruptions? Which structures should transatlantic partners create, which core interests should they define to this end, and what principles can anchor the transatlantic partnership in a period of domestic and geopolitical uncertainty?

01.00 p.m. – 02.30 p.m.

#### **Lunch**

*Tutto Mondo, Retreat*

03.00 p.m. – 06.00 p.m.

#### **Walk & Talk**

*Elmauer Alm*

07.00 p.m. – 09.30 p.m.

#### **Dinner**

*Fidelio, Schloss*

09.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.

#### **Night Cap Session: Understanding Domestic Politics: What Do the US Midterms and Political Developments in Europe Mean for the Transatlantic Partnership?**

*Library Lounge, Retreat*

Possible guiding questions include:

- How does domestic politics affect joint transatlantic efforts to manage the “Zeitenwende”?
- How will the results of the US midterm elections influence transatlantic cooperation? What do the election results imply for continuity in efforts to jointly tackle shared challenges? Which elements of transatlantic cooperation will likely feel this impact the most?
- What are the potential consequences of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for the transatlantic partnership? How likely is a “subsidy race” should the US-EU Task Force on the IRA fail to successfully alleviate European concerns? What are the prospects for an industrial tariff agreement as suggested by Chancellor Scholz?
- How do recent political developments in key European countries – including the results of the general elections in Italy and the appointment of a new prime minister in the UK – affect transatlantic relations?
- What do growing headwinds for liberal democracy in the US and in many European countries imply for transatlantic cooperation and the role of the transatlantic partners in growing systemic competition?
- How can transatlantic leaders better anticipate and prepare for domestic political changes in key transatlantic states that may decisively impact transatlantic cooperation? How can they ensure as much continuity as possible even in the face of domestic political changes in key countries?

### **Tuesday, December 6**

07.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

#### **Breakfast**

*Tutto Mondo, Retreat*