



## 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference

March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Official Co-Host of the Conference



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**Guy Verhofstadt**

Member of the European Parliament (MEP)

Former prime minister of Belgium

Dear Mr. Guy Verhofstadt:

The European Club at Harvard Kennedy School, the Harvard European Law Association at Harvard Law School and the European Club at Harvard Business School are honored to invite you **to the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Conference**, which will take place on Friday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>** and on Saturday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Since 2012, this annual student-led conference is one of the **most important events on Europe in the United States**. Its core goal is to strengthen the transatlantic dialogue by bringing together leading scholars, policymakers, leaders and students on both sides of the Atlantic. Over the last years, we have had the privilege of welcoming many distinguished keynote guests, including former President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso, former European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager and former French President François Hollande. We are proud to announce that this year, **Mrs. Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament, **has accepted our invitation and will honor us with her presence**.

The title of the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Conference, the first in presence after the pandemic, is «**Frontline Europe: a continent's struggle for relevance, unity and value**». Without a doubt, Russia's brutal invasion and its war on Ukraine marks a historic turning point. As a result, Europe's self-conception, as well as its role as both a regional and a global power have been lastingly impacted. The three major themes of the Conference, each one comprising half a day, will therefore be i) Geopolitics, ii) Identity and Values as well as iii) Economics and Business.

This Conference constitutes a unique opportunity for leading decision-makers and scholars to identify, together with future leaders, new pathways of action. It is for this reason that we invite you to share your personal experience and **your vision for the future of Europe**. Bringing your voice to this year's Conference will be pivotal in inspiring participants and guiding such critical discussions towards a revitalized role of Europe in the world.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join the Conference and we will do everything possible to make your participation a unique and rewarding experience. In this sense, we would be delighted to **discuss** with you **the details**.



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Please do not hesitate to reach out to your personal point of contact within the Organizing Committee at [alexandremeyer@hks.harvard.edu](mailto:alexandremeyer@hks.harvard.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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