

## Forging Economic and Security Ties: CEE and Taiwan in the New Global Era

**Thursday 30th November 2023**

Venue: Grand Hotel River Park, Dvořákovo nábrežie 6, 811 02 Bratislava

**13:00 – 13:10** | **Official Welcome** by **Róbert Vass**, President of GLOBSEC

**13:10 – 14:30** | **Panel Discussion:** Strengthening Economic Ties: CEE and Taiwan

*CEE countries, recognizing Taiwan's significance as a thriving democracy with a global economic impact, are forging strategic partnerships that extend beyond countering Beijing's influence. The CEE's ambition to establish itself as a high-tech hub aligns with Taiwan's global leadership in semiconductor manufacturing, creating a fertile ground for partnership. This ideal platform for cooperation includes investments in infrastructure development, knowledge transfer, collaborative research and development projects. How does this growing collaboration, often dubbed the "Dumpling Alliance," contribute to the economic and technological development of both regions? What are the varying levels of political engagement and economic collaboration in this evolving dynamic? How does Taiwan's role as a significant semiconductor producer contribute to reshaping supply chain dependencies? As Taiwan continues to expand its foreign direct investment in CEE, what opportunities and challenges emerge?*

**Speakers:**

**Cynthia Kiang**, Head of the International Trade Administration at the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan) ([online](#))

**Jana Havlíková**, Deputy Minister of Science, Research and Innovation of the Czech Republic

**Karol Galek**, Former State Secretary at the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic

**Matej Šimalčík**, Executive Director of the Central European Institute of Asian Studies

**Moderator: Vladimír Vaňo**, Chief Economist at GLOBSEC

**14:30 – 15:00** | **Coffee Break**

**15:00 – 15:15** | **Keynote Remarks** by **Dr. Roy Chun Lee**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

**15:15 – 16:30** | **Panel Discussion:** The Evolving Global Security Landscape: Democracies, Autocracies, and Strategic Relationships

*The escalating tensions between democracies and autocracies in the new global security landscape, triggered by events such as the ongoing war in Ukraine and rising tensions in the Taiwan Strait, are sparking fresh discussions on global security and the creation of innovative alliances. As China intensifies military, diplomatic, and economic pressure on Taiwan, what risks and strategies emerge? After 20 months since the start of the war in Ukraine, have global security dynamics unfolded as experts and politicians initially predicted, or are we witnessing unexpected consequences? How does Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine affect Taiwan's perception of its own defense? How do concerns about Western fatigue with the war in Ukraine intersect with the increasing tensions in the Taiwan Strait and the continuously evolving global security landscape?*

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**Dr. Roy Chun Lee**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

**Gen. John Allen**, Former United States Marine Corps Four-Star General & Former Commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force

**Mariia Mezentseva**, Member of Parliament of Ukraine and Head of Ukrainian Delegation to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly ([online](#))

**Tomáš Valášek**, Deputy of Chairman of Foreign Affairs of Committee of the Slovak National Council

**Ivan Štefanec**, Member of the European Parliament

**Bryce Wakefield**, National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Moderator: Alena Kudzko**, Vice President for Policy and Programming at GLOBSEC

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Networking Reception**