

Taiwan Forum: Connecting Horizons: Taiwan and CEE Advancing Security, Technology and Economic Cooperation

As we enter the fourth edition of the *Taiwan Forum*, our focus sharpens on the growing and dynamic partnership between Taiwan and Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). This year's theme, "**Connecting Horizons: Taiwan and CEE Advancing Security, Technology and Economic Cooperation**," highlights Taiwan's pivotal role as a leading partner in the region, while reaffirming the mutual benefits of deepened cooperation.

Taiwan's innovation-driven economy, technological leadership, and commitment to democratic values resonate with the priorities of Central and Eastern Europe. In recent years, we have witnessed an unprecedented alignment of interests—from trade and investment to research collaborations and shared security concerns. The Indo-Pacific's strategic significance continues to rise, and through stronger Taiwan-CEE cooperation, both regions are better positioned to address global challenges and promote stability, resilience, and innovation.

This year's Taiwan Forum will spotlight key areas of cooperation, including economic diversification, digital transformation, and the strengthening of democratic institutions. Through interactive panels, bilateral dialogues, and networking opportunities, we aim to cultivate actionable strategies that will fortify this partnership for years to come.

Wednesday 27th November 2024

13:00 – 13:10

Official Welcome by **Róbert Vass**, President of GLOBSEC

13:10 – 13:20

Keynote Remarks: "Strengthening Taiwan – Central and Eastern Europe Cooperation" by **François Chihchung Wu**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

13:20 – 14:40

Panel Discussion: "Guardians of Stability: CEE Perspectives on Indo-Pacific Security and Taiwan"

The Indo-Pacific region is rapidly becoming the epicenter of global security dynamics, with Taiwan at the heart of escalating tensions. While Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) may seem distant, the region shares common security interests and faces its own challenges from global powers that shape international stability. Taiwan's role in the Indo-Pacific security framework is undeniable, and CEE countries have an opportunity to leverage their unique geopolitical experiences to contribute to peace and stability. How can CEE nations amplify their role in safeguarding the Indo-Pacific? How can closer ties between CEE and Indo-Pacific nations enhance global security?

Speakers:

François Chihchung Wu, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan) *(Confirmed)*

Emanuelis Zingeris, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania *(Confirmed)*

Tomáš Valášek, Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic *(Confirmed)*

Ben-Oni Ardelean, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Policy, Parliament of Romania *(Confirmed)*

Pavel Popescu, Vice President of the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania *(Confirmed)*

Moderator: Martin Sklenár, Former Minister of Defense of the Slovak Republic and Distinguished Fellow, GLOBSEC (*Confirmed*)

Coffee Break

14:40 – 15:10

Panel Discussion: Bridging Innovation: Taiwan-CEE Technology and Economic Synergy

15:10 – 16:30

Taiwan's advanced industries in technology and manufacturing offer CEE countries a wealth of opportunities for stronger economic ties. With Taiwan leading the global semiconductor industry, there's potential for CEE nations to tap into innovation, strengthen supply chains, and attract investment. By building partnerships in trade, tech, and manufacturing, both regions stand to benefit from enhanced cooperation. How can CEE countries position themselves as strategic partners in Taiwan's semiconductor-driven supply chains? What are the most promising areas for cooperation in tech and innovation areas?

Introductory remarks by Chin- Tsang Ho, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (*Confirmed*)

Speakers:

Alexandru Nazare, Member of the Board, National Bank of Romania (*Confirmed*)

Dan Cîmpean, Director of Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate (*Confirmed*)

David Rader, Senior Advisor, Department of Defense of the United States of America (*Confirmed*)

Moderator: **Lucia Lauková**, Expert, Euractiv (*Confirmed*)

16:30 – 18:00

Networking Reception