



Roundtable

SHAPING EUROPEAN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY: FROM CHALLENGES TO THE WAY FORWARD

22 April 2026
09:30 – 13:30

Istituto Affari Internazionali
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The roundtable will offer an exchange of perspectives on current challenges and potential responses on European strategic autonomy. The discussion will focus in particular on the role of emerging digital and green technologies, as well as the enabling industrial and trade measures required within the strategic autonomy framework. In an increasingly evolving global context, plans for European strategic autonomy will need to develop immediate responses to the current impact of new technologies, remaining sufficiently flexible to adapt to ongoing and future transformations.

The first session will cover the issues of dependence on external suppliers and vulnerabilities in the supply of clean technologies, semiconductors, and critical raw materials, as well as asymmetries in the transatlantic relationship in security, technology and energy.

The second session will address proactive and protective measures to respond to the challenges highlighted, such as strategies to diversify supply and reduce dependencies, policy tools to strengthen domestic production capacity, and enhance the European Union's competitiveness and economic security.

The roundtable brings together Italian and European stakeholders from both the private and public sectors, alongside experts from academia and think tanks, to discuss recent developments and future trends.

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PROGRAMME

09:30-10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00-10:30 Kick-Off Introduction

ETTORE GRECO

Executive Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

NICOLÒ RUSSO PEREZ

Director, Fondazione CSF

10:30-11:30 Roundtable Discussion: What Challenges Ahead for Strategic Autonomy?

Chair

NICOLETTA PIROZZI

Institutional Relations Manager; Head of the "EU, politics and institutions" Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

11:30 -12:30 Roundtable Discussion: Developing Coordinated Policy Responses

Chair

LUCA BARANA

Senior Fellow, "EU, Politics and Institutions" Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

12:30-13:30 Networking Lunch

