

European Economic Security & Competitiveness

Unlocking Mutual Opportunities



At the centre of EU Relations

INTRODUCTION

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC SECURITY & COMPETITIVENESS

As the global political, economic and technological dynamics rapidly evolve, Europe stands at a pivotal moment in which the European Union and the United Kingdom have a unique opportunity to work together to shape resilient and forward-facing strategies that strengthen long-term European security and competitiveness.

At the core of this opportunity is the need to ensure continuous access to critical raw materials, protect sensitive technologies and to accelerate investment in innovation and regulatory alignment. Through deeper cooperation and industry-led insights, we can build a more agile, competitive, and secure European economy, a win-win for both the EU and the UK.

To this end, the British Chamber of Commerce EU (BritCham EU) has developed a programme of industrial consultation which will culminate in the production of a report that will inform and inspire solutions-focused recommendations aimed at **Unlocking Mutual Opportunities** in the context of European economic security and competitiveness.

- This initiative will highlight the potential for European industry leadership and collaborative innovation across four core pillars:
- 1. **Geopolitical Dynamics** – Understanding how Europe can shape and respond to global power shifts through strategic coordination and economic diplomacy.
 - 2. **Supply Chain Resilience** – Identifying practical, scalable solutions to strengthen supply chains across Europe, with an emphasis on sustainability and strategic diversification.
 - 3. **Cyber & Technology Security** – Empowering European industry to lead in secure, trusted technologies and digital infrastructure.
 - 4. **European Competitiveness** – Uncovering areas where European businesses can lead in innovation, productivity, and sustainable growth on the global stage.



The focus will be on actionable solutions and shared opportunity, driven by the strengths of European businesses and the strategic potential of closer EU-UK cooperation.



UNLOCKING MUTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

THE PROGRAMME

BritCham EU will lead a five-month programme to explore how evolving geopolitical, technological, and economic dynamics are shaping the landscape for closer EU-UK relations, and to identify practical, business-led recommendations to strengthen collaboration, mitigate risks, and seize new opportunities.

The programme will focus on four strategic pillars: Geopolitical Dynamics, Supply Chain Resilience, Cyber & Technology Security, and European Competitiveness. These themes will be explored through a series of focused workshops held in September and October 2025. Each workshop will bring together a wide range of industry participants, including BritCham members, non-members, and industry / policy experts. Sessions will conclude with a panel discussion featuring high-level guest speakers whose insights will help inform the final conclusions of each theme.

Findings from the workshops will be synthesised into a comprehensive report that will provide both strategic context and clear, actionable recommendations to policymakers and industry stakeholders. This report will serve to position the Chamber as a key voice for its members and wider industry in shaping EU-UK economic cooperation in the context of European economic security and competitiveness.

The programme and report will set the scene and agenda for a full-day European Economic Security & Competitiveness Summit in Q1 2026.



1. Geopolitical Dynamics

Strengthening collaboration within the evolving geopolitical context. Promoting open trade with international partners whilst upholding a rules-based order. Supporting the role of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to ensure inclusive and sustainable global governance.



2. Supply Chain Resilience

Enhancing EU-UK alignment on supply chains and critical raw materials through a joint strategic approach. Strengthening trade dynamics and modernising the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), including digital border solutions. Coordinated engagement on EU regulations such as the Omnibus Simplification Package and the Union Customs Code reform. Promoting resilient and transparent supply chains in sensitive sectors, including pharmaceuticals and dual-use goods subject to export control.



3. Cyber & Technology Security

Deepening cooperation on digital infrastructure, cybersecurity frameworks, and secure-by-design digital services. Joint efforts in AI governance, compliance, and responsible deployment across sectors. Strengthening defence and security (DefSec) applications of emerging technologies, ensuring alignment with transatlantic and European standards to protect critical infrastructure and societal resilience.



4. European Competitiveness

Advancing a coherent EU-UK approach to competitiveness through shared industrial strategies and regulatory alignment. Leveraging insights from the Draghi report to foster investment, productivity, and innovation. Supporting policies that enhance strategic autonomy, reduce dependency, and position Europe as a global leader in sustainable, high-value industries.



2025 Timeline

- June - July • Lead Participant Engagement
- July - October • Workshop and Event Development
- 02 Oct - 16 Oct • Pillar Workshops and Panel Discussions
- 17 Oct - 21 Nov • Report Production
- 27th November • Event: Report Publication
- Q1 2026 • Event: EES&C Summit

ENGAGEMENT



PARTICIPATION

BritCham EU invites our members, industry associations and other European industry stakeholders to register their interest in participating in this initiative.

We specifically welcome sponsors for the overall programme, individual pillars, workshops and report event which will provide organisations with the opportunity to both significantly raise their profile and help drive the greatest value at each stage.

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