

Programme

European Office, Brussels

The Presidential Inauguration of Joe Biden -

Which course can Europe expect from the new US administration?

Thursday, 21 January 2021

15:00-16:00 h (CET) | 09:00-10:00 h (EST)

Online Event

On 3 November 2020, American voters have chosen Democrat Joe Biden as their 46th president. After a challenging electoral campaign and a close race with current President Donald Trump, Joe Biden will be Europe's new strategic partner in the international arena. He already gave a forecast on his plans for some important issues such as the COVID-19-pandemic, digitalization and climate change, where he also wants to strengthen cooperation with Europe. With great optimism, Europe strives for a fresh start in its partnership with the United States. Nevertheless, it is to be expected that the Biden administration will probably continue the course of many of its predecessors in key policy areas - especially in the field of trade as well as security and defense policy. The critical question from a European perspective is what Europe can expect from the new US-President.

Before the Biden administration will officially begin its term in office, the new president will take the oath of office and will also give his inaugural speech on 20 January 2021. The traditional presidential inauguration at the US Capitol in Washington, DC., comes under special circumstances after the attack on the capitol by Trump supporters. On the occasion of Joe Biden's inauguration, the European Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung would like to discuss "the day after" with decision-makers from diplomacy, science and politics and you what initial conclusions can be drawn, what agenda the President is indicating and what all this means for Europe and the EU.

One day after Joe Biden's inauguration, **Dr. Hardy Ostry**, director of the European Office of the KAS in Brussels and **Paul Linnarz**, director of the KAS office USA, are delighted to discuss his presidential opening speech with two remarkable speakers. We are pleased to welcome **Ambassador Boris Ruge**, Vice-Chairman of the Munich Security Conference and **David McAllister MEP**, chair of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee. Which chances and challenges does the election of Joe Biden imply for Europe? Which path will the transatlantic relations follow in the future? How does the EU need to change its role? The online event will take place on **Thursday, January 21, 2021, 15:00 – 16:00 h CET** via Zoom. The event will be held in German and also simultaneously translated into English. We look forward to your active participation!

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Welcoming remarks

Dr. Hardy Ostry

Director of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Brussels

15:05

Inputs

Ambassador Boris Ruge

Vice-Chairman of the Munich Security Conference

David McAllister MEP

Chair of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee

Paul Linnarz

Director of the KAS Office USA, Washington D.C.

15:20

Panel discussion moderated by Dr. Hardy Ostry

15:45

Questions from the audience

16:00

End of event