

USA Presidential Elections: what does it mean for Europe?

12 November 2020, 09h30 – 10h30 (CET), Zoom Webinar

ABOUT THE EVENT

Following the election of Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris, what direction will the US and EU take for their future relationship?

For the past four years of Mr Trump's presidency, we have seen US foreign policy towards Europe taking a strong turn. As the EU came to be seen less and less as a strategic partner for the US, Europe faced increasing difficulties in communicating with its transatlantic counterpart, opening an era of uncertainty in the traditional economical and geopolitical cooperation of the two major actors. Indeed, with an eye turned mainly towards China, the US has become less interested in what is happening on the Old Continent.

The elections of November 3rd were marked by violent debates and deep division of the US voters, aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic and the disinformation it engendered. The election of Joe Biden and the end of Trump's presidency were awaited by many European leaders, but the strategic path the US has taken from Europe in the last years away might still prove to be a long-lasting trend. At the dawn of a new US presidency, following the elections of 2020, what can we expect for the future relations and cooperation between Washington and Brussels?



EVENT SCHEDULE

09h25 Participants connect to the Zoom event

09h30 Opening Remarks

Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

09h32 Introduction by the Moderator

Beatriz Ríos, EU Affairs reporter

09h35 First intervention

Liesje Schreinemacher, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

09h40 Second intervention

Dominic Boucsein, Head of International Trade and Foreign Policy, EUROCHAMBRES

09h45 Third intervention

Ricardo Silvestre, PhD, International Officer, Social Liberal Movement (Portugal) & Host of ELF's Podcast series "Liberal Europe Podcast"

09h50 Moderated debate

10h27 Conclusions

10h30 End of event

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