

The European Forum Alpbach 2022 is design around four thematic tracks:

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Securing Europe's Future in a Globalised World

The increasingly complex geopolitical situation in which Europe has to position itself requires the development of a European response that can effectively address current challenges and anticipate future threats while preserving its inherent values and principles. We will look at challenges for Europe's security situation, examine the answers presented by key actors and create a framework for the development of innovative ideas.

The Climate Opportunity

At the core of the climate crisis stands a set of opportunities that will allow for systemic change, transformative solutions and innovation. We will reflect on how to accelerate the transition towards carbon neutrality through new economic thinking, leadership transformation, the empowerment and engagement of everyone as well as strategic climate finance. Considering currently fast-shifting geopolitical realities in Europe, the interplay of the climate crisis and geopolitics becomes apparent.

The Financing of Europe's Future

Europe's impressive post-world-war success story has come to a halt during the last 20 years. The reasons for that are manifold. The Track addresses some of the major economic and financial consequences of this unfortunate development. However, in the activist spirit of Alpbach, we will also examine opportunities to revive the European story within the digital economy of the 21st century and discuss opportunities with key stakeholders on how to further develop Europe into a vibrant capital market.

The Future of Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe

It is about the rise of populism and authoritarian politics, the failure to deliver on the promise of social advancement, the citizens' loss of trust in representative democracy and – reinforced by the corona pandemic – a deep distrust in established media, institutional science and information channels. On the agenda: discussions on open society, better governance, participation and (dis-)information.