

Hanaholmen Europe Talks 2024

Seminar for invited guests in connection with the bilateral meeting between the EU Committees of the Finnish and Swedish Parliaments

Hanaholmen Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Hanaholmsstranden 5, Esbo, Finland
17th of September 2024 9:00-11.00 a.m.

The EU is facing extensive internal reform work when the EU countries agree on the next strategic agenda after the EU elections in June. The future of the EU's common security and defense policy and the development of the EU's preparedness strategy are at a crucial stage. 30 percent of the EU's current seven-year budget is earmarked for climate-related work. Are the measures sufficient to reach the goals in 2050, when the EU will be the world's first climate-neutral region? How will the impending enlargement be handled and what reforms are needed? How will the outcome of the EU election affect the decision-making?

Programme

Moderator: Ville Hupa, journalist and host at the Finnish Broadcasting Company

8:30 Coffee

9:00 Welcoming words: Gunvor Kronman, CEO, Hanaholmen

Keynotes

Göran von Sydow, director, Sieps

Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament 2017-2024

Ricardo Borges de Castro, visiting scholar, College of Europe

Questions and discussion

10:00 **Panel discussion: What should Finland's and Sweden's joint EU agenda look like?**

Heikki Autto, chairman of the Grand Committee, Finland

Laura Huhtasaari, vice-chairman of the Grand Committee, Finland

Jessica Rosencrantz, chairman of the Committee on European Union Affairs, Sweden

Matilda Ernkrans, vice-chairman of the Committee on European Union Affairs, Sweden

11:00 Closing words