**TWIN SEEDS International Policy Conference**

**Global value chains restructuring challenges:**

**towards a new normal trade policy scenario**

**Co-organised with:**



**Monday 22 September 2025 - CEPS, Brussels**

**Programme**

The challenges facing Europe - from the pandemic to geo-political conflicts - demand a reorganisation of global value chains (GVC). What effects these restructuring processes will have on employment opportunities, the environment and European competitiveness remain unclear.

This conference will explore the critical drivers for a more secure and resilient Europe. Drawing on findings from the [**TWIN SEEDS project**](https://gini-research.org/), the event aims to identify effective means to ensure that the EU reaps the benefits of GVC restructuring – without leaving anyone behind.

A diverse panel of policymakers, academics, and social partner representatives will address key questions such as:

* What are the effects of GVC restructuring on employment dynamics?
* Can Europe really achieve competitiveness through reshoring/restructuring?
* What would the impact of relaunching EU productive activities be on the environment?
* What are the future scenarios of a new normal trade policy?
* What are the income distributive effects of a new normal trade policy?

**PROGRAMME**

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| 13.00-13.30 | **Registration** | |
| 13:30-13.40 | **Opening and welcome** | Cinzia Alcidi, CEPS and Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano |
| 13:40-14:10 | **Keynote Speech** | Outi Slotboom, Director DG GROW |
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| **14:10-15:10** | **Insights from the TWIN SEEDS project** | **Challenges from GVCs restructuring**  Chair: Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy |
|  |  | **GVCs’ Restructuring and Employment Dynamics**   * Laura Resmini, Bicocca University, Milan, Italy |
|  |  | **Environmental Challenges in GVCs’ Restructuring**   * Maria Cadarso Vecina, University of Castilla La Mancha, Spain |
|  |  | **Competitiveness through GVCs’ restructuring**   * Torben Pedersen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark |
|  |  | **New Trade Policy Scenarios: Europe and Tariffs War**   * Michael Landesmann, wiiw, Austria |
|  |  | **New Trade Policy Scenarios: Regional Growth and Inequalities**   * Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy |
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| **15:10-16:00** | **Policy Panel** | **Discussion**  Moderator: Cinzia Alcidi, CEPS   * Elizabeth Kuiper, Associate Director at the EPC and Head of Social Europe and Wellbeing Programme​​​​, EPC, Brussels * Pierre Leturcq, Head of Programme, IEEP, Brussels * Wolfgang Munch, Senior Expert, DG Regio, European Commission * Representative of the European Parliament |
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**Location**

CEPS, 1, Place du Congrès, Brussels

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