

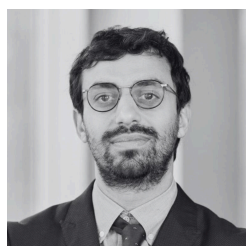
Press release

The CHIPDIPLO Consortium Held a Conference in Brussels on the Geopolitical Future of Semiconductors

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On 8-9 July 2026, the [Chips Diplomacy Support Initiative](#) (CHIPDIPLO) consortium held a two-day event in Brussels titled "**Semiconductors under Geopolitical Stress: From Global Shocks to the European Chips Act 2.0**", bringing together key stakeholders from the European semiconductor ecosystem to discuss the geopolitical future of semiconductors and Europe's policy options.

The conference was organized by the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) within the framework of the CHIPDIPLO project.



"Semiconductor resilience cannot be built by governments or companies acting alone. Bringing together policymakers, industry and researchers to jointly explore future geopolitical scenarios is essential to strengthening Europe's preparedness and its capacity to respond collectively to future crises." - **Antonio Calcara**, Head of the Technology and Economic Statecraft programme at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy



"Building a European economic foreign policy requires sound economic intelligence, closer internal coordination, and engagement with trusted partners. Through closed-door dialogues and public events, the CHIPDIPLO initiative helps bring these elements together and contributes to a more cohesive European semiconductor ecosystem." - **Mathieu Duchâtel**, Director of International Studies at Institut Montaigne and Project Director of CHIPDIPLO.

The first day featured a **tabletop exercise** designed around a fictional but plausible scenario to examine how disruptions in the supply of critical semiconductor manufacturing inputs and escalating geopolitical and trade tensions between the United States and China could affect the European semiconductor ecosystem and key downstream industries. Around **40 participants** from the European semiconductor industry and broader private sector took part in the exercise, exploring possible responses.

The second day began with a **closed-door expert discussion** bringing together members of the CHIPDIPLO consortium, international experts and private sector representatives. Building on

the findings of the simulation exercise, participants explored alternative geopolitical scenarios affecting global semiconductor supply chains and discussed their implications for Europe's resilience and competitiveness.

The event concluded with a **public conference** attended by **more than 100 participants** from industry, European institutions, academia and think tanks.

The public event opened with welcome remarks by **Luis Simón**, Director of the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, and **Mathieu Duchâtel**, Director of International Studies at Institut Montaigne and Project Director of CHIPDIPLO.

The panel discussion brought together:

- **Pierre Chastanet** (Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission) ;
- **Geoffrey Gertz** (Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security) ;
- **Jan-Peter Kleinhans** (Policy Analyst, OECD) ;
- and **June Park** (Senior Research Affiliate, Centre for Digital Law, Singapore Management University).

Moderated by **Antonio Calcara**, Head of the Technology and Economic Statecraft programme at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, the discussion examined the geopolitical shocks that could disrupt semiconductor supply chains, the preparedness of the United States, South Korea and the European Union, and Europe's policy priorities, including the implementation of the **Chips Act 2.0**. The conference concluded with closing remarks by **Pierre Chastanet**.

By combining scenario-based simulations with expert dialogue, this CHIPDIPLO conference contributed to fostering a shared understanding of geopolitical risks and strengthening cooperation across Europe's semiconductor ecosystem.

About the Chips Diplomacy Support Initiative (CHIPDIPLO)

CHIPDIPLO is an 18-month project led by Institut Montaigne (Paris), together with the Central European Institute of Asian Studies (CEIAS, Prague and Bratislava), the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS, Brussels), and the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS, Paris and Brussels). The project is co-funded by the European Union.

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