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## *Know the World, then Change the World*

## February 22

### *The European Union: The New Agenda Post-Brexit*

*Tomas Baert, Head of Trade and Agriculture, European Delegation to the United States*

#### What does the future hold for the European Union?



Containing 5.8% of the world population, and accounting for 18% of world GDP, the European Union holds enormous influence in the world, driving economic growth, advancing sustainable development, and championing peace and security by promoting democratic norms. While Brexit has been the focus, other key priorities of the Union remain: stabilizing transatlantic relations, continuing response to the COVID crisis, leading in the climate fight, and transforming the digital economy.

Tomas Baert, Head of Trade and Agriculture for the European Delegation to the United States focuses on the future of the EU in this presentation.

Prior to his work in the U.S., Baert was the Head of Unit for Trade Strategy at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Trade (DG Trade). From 2014 to 2016, he was an assistant to Director-General for Trade, advising on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and WTO negotiations.

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