IDEASLAB

2-3 March 2026, The Square

Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Programme day 1 (subject to change)

Time	Session
09.00 - 09.30	✏️ Morning coffee and registration
09.30 - 09.45	Plenary — Kick off
09.45 - 11.00	Plenary — Freedom of expression – a modern 'leviathan'?
11.00 - 11.30	☕ Coffee break and networking
11.30 - 12.45	Plenary — What future for the EU's security architecture?
12.45 - 13.45	🍽️ Networking lunch

13.45 - 15.00

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
The new Apply AI Strategy – between sovereignty and competitiveness
🕐 13:45-15:00 📍 The Square

ENERGY AND CLIMATE
How international carbon credits could help the EU to regain climate leadership
🕐 13:45-15:00 📍 The Square

EU ENLARGEMENT
Investing in security: how to strengthen the EU's future members
🕐 13:45-15:00 📍 The Square

HEALTH
Shaping the new global health resilience initiative
🕐 13:45-15:00 📍 The Square

DEMOCRACY
Revamping the European Citizens' Initiative: bringing DEI in from the cold
🕐 13:45-15:00 📍 The Square

EU BUDGET
The MFF: the right budget for the poly-crisis age?
🕐 13:45-15:00 📍 The Square

15.00 - 15.15 — ☕ Coffee break and networking

15.15 - 16.30

MIGRATION
Rethinking return: safe third countries, return hubs and rights-based alternatives
🕐 15:15-16:30 📍 The Square

UKRAINE
From mines to markets: pathways to Ukraine's recovery
🕐 15:15-16:30 📍 The Square

EU INSTITUTIONS
The second von der Leyen Commission: how is the EU executive faring?
🕐 15:15-16:30 📍 The Square

QUANTUM
EU transition to quantum safe: an entangled debate
🕐 15:15-16:30 📍 The Square

FUTURE OF WORK
Brain capital and the future of work: re-building Europe's labour markets
🕐 15:15-16:30 📍 The Square

DIGITAL REGULATION
EU digital regulation: too much of a good thing?
🕐 15:15-16:30 📍 The Square

Time	Session
16.30 - 17.00	☕ Coffee break and networking
17.00 - 18.15	Plenary — Project 2028
18.15 - 19.30	🍸 Networking aperitif
19.30 - 21.00	🎤 Walking dinner and speech

Programme day 2 (subject to change)

| 09.00 - 09.30 | ✏️ **Morning coffee and registration** |

| 09.30 - 10.45 | Plenary 🧑‍🏫 **Rewriting the future of industrial strategy** |

☕ **Coffee break and networking**

| 10.45 - 11.15 | |

| 11:15-12:30 | |

FINANCE	FOREIGN POLICY	ENERGY AND CLIMATE	RULE OF LAW	DIGITAL	GOVERNANCE
Taxation for net-zero: can fiscal policy deliver the transition?	The EU in Gaza: partner or bystander?	How can the EU build a reliable, cost-efficient clean energy system?	An EU accountability scoreboard to uphold the rule of law, political integrity and transparency	The EU International Digital Strategy: what code for tech diplomacy?	The next Horizon Europe: ideas for a more agile and effective governance
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| 12.30 - 13.30 | 🍽️ **Networking lunch** |

| 13.30 - 14.45 | Plenary 🧑‍🏫 **Making Europe a leader in the next era of scientific discovery** |

| 14.45 - 15.00 | 🧑‍🏫 **Wrap-up** |

| 15.00 - 17.00 | 🤝 **Closed-door sessions** |