

Press release

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Emmanuel Macron, Robert Habeck, and other government leaders are joined by international CEOs at second Berlin Global Dialogue

- *French President Emmanuel Macron, German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck, and other heads of state and government are joined by leading CEOs at the second Berlin Global Dialogue.*
- *The 2024 Berlin Global Dialogue will take place from October 1-2, 2024, at ESMT Berlin in the heart of the German capital.*
- *Founded by Lars-Hendrik Röller, former chief economic advisor to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Berlin Global Dialogue unites leaders from business, government, and academia to develop joint solutions for the most pressing challenges impacting the global economy.*
- *Under the theme “Building Common Ground”, the 2024 summit invites global leaders to find new ways to cooperate amidst volatility and fragmentation.*

French President Emmanuel Macron and German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck are confirmed to attend the second Berlin Global Dialogue. They are joined by other heads of state and government, such as Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama, Montenegrin President Jakov Milatović, and Kosovan President Vjosa Osmani Sadriu, as well as ministers from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. In addition, CEOs and top executives from leading international companies will be present.

The latest confirmed participants for this year include:

- Abdulrahman Al-Fageeh, Chairman, Sabic
- Oliver Bäte, CEO, Allianz
- Xavier Bettel, Deputy Prime Minister, Luxembourg
- Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Jadaan, Minister of Finance, Saudi Arabia
- Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency
- Hervé Ekué, Global Managing Partner, A&O Shearman
- Michael Ensser, Chairman, Egon Zehnder
- Larry Fink, Chairman and CEO, BlackRock
- Glenn Fogel, CEO and President, Booking Holdings
- Timotheus Höttges, CEO, Deutsche Telekom
- Ola Källenius, CEO, Mercedes-Benz
- Emma Marcegaglia, CEO, Marcegaglia
- Bernard Mensah, President of International, Bank of America
- Vera Songwe, Chairwoman, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility
- Yusuf Tuggar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria
- Ralf Wintergerst, CEO, Giesecke+Devrient

Please refer to the Berlin Global Dialogue [website](#) for an extended list of participants.

“We look forward to welcoming a diverse group of leaders from business, politics, and academia at ESMT in a few weeks. We are particularly proud that many of last year’s participants are joining us

again, which shows that our approach and format are resonating”, says Lars-Hendrik Röller, founder and chair of Berlin Global Dialogue and professor of economics at ESMT Berlin.

“It is an honor to once again host the Berlin Global Dialogue at ESMT Berlin,” says Jörg Rocholl, president of ESMT. “Under the theme “Building Common Ground,” this year’s event emphasizes the critical need for collaboration between business and government to navigate global challenges like fragmentation and misinformation, and we as ESMT are excited to contribute the platform.”

The inaugural Berlin Global Dialogue united more than 550 participants from 60 countries to discuss the biggest transitions impacting the global economy.

With the theme “Building Common Ground,” the 2024 Berlin Global Dialogue explores how business and government can continue cooperating in times of increased fragmentation, misinformation, and distrust.

About Lars-Hendrik Röller

Lars-Hendrik Röller is the founder and chair of Berlin Global Dialogue and a professor of economics at ESMT Berlin. He previously served as chief economic advisor to former German Chancellor Angela Merkel and G7 and G20 Sherpa. Prior to that, Röller was the president of ESMT and chief competition economist at the European Commission. Throughout his academic career, he taught at INSEAD, New York University, Stanford University, and the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration.

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About ESMT Berlin

Berlin Global Dialogue is embedded in ESMT Berlin, a leading global business school with its campus in the heart of Berlin. Founded by 25 international companies, ESMT offers Master’s, MBA, PhD programs, and executive education on its campus in Berlin, in locations around the world, online, and in an online blended format. Focusing on leadership, innovation, and analytics, its diverse faculty publishes outstanding research in top academic journals. Additionally, the international business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. ESMT is a non-profit private institution of higher education with the right to grant PhDs and is accredited by AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and ZEvA. It is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion across all its activities and communities.

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