

## RETHINK-GSCs final policy conference

18 September 2025 at Bruegel, Brussels  
Rue de la Charité 33, 1210 Brussels, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor & Online

*Geopolitical tensions and profound changes in the structure of the global economy are transforming global supply chains while they remain as important as ever. This makes it more important than ever to understand their structure and dynamic, and the role of service inputs. The Horizon Europe project RETHINK-GSC set out to do exactly that: deepen our understanding of global supply chain by investigating their impact on the economy, environment and society; evaluating their resilience to shocks and by developing new methodologies to investigate the role of services and knowledge flows in the global economy.*

*In this event, we will present the results from this research conducted by more than 30 researchers at 11 institutions, and the learnings that can be derived from it for policy.*

### Agenda

9:30-10:00

*Breakfast and Registration*

**10:00-12:30**

#### **Academic Roundtable**

10:00-10:05

Welcoming remarks and introduction:

Holger Görg, RETHINK-GSC project head, professor of economics and head of the research group 'International trade and Investment' at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy

#### **Session 1**

10:05-10:35

Presentations: Knowledge generation in value chains

- Ronald Davies, University College Dublin
- Aleksandra Parteka, Gdańsk University of Technology

10:35-10:50

Discussion

10:50-11:05

*Coffee break*

## Session2

11:05-11:45

Presentations: Innovation, labour markets, and firms in GSCs

- Farid Toubal, University of Paris-Dauphine – PSL
- Mária Bistray, Research Center for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CERS-HAS)
- Vincent Vicard, Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII)

11:45-12:00

Discussion

12:00-12:10

Presentation: Policy lessons from RETHINK GSC

- Niclas Poitiers, Ph.D, Research Fellow at Bruegel

12:10-12:25

Discussion

12:25-12:30

Closing remarks

- Prof. Holger Görg

*12:30-13:00 Lunch break*

**13:00-14:00**

## **Open Conference - Policy Panel**

Presentation of the results of the academic research conducted throughout the RETHINK-GSC project, their implications for the future of global supply chains and how policy has to adapt to harness new opportunities and to face emerging challenges.

Chair: Niclas Poitiers, Research Fellow at Bruegel

Panelists:

- Holger Görg, RETHINK-GSC project head
- Outi Slotboom, Director for Strategy and Economic Analysis, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)
- Jean-Andre Barbosa, Vice President, European Affairs and Regulation, Renault Group

## Registration

The event will consist of two parts: a closed academic roundtable and a public policy conference. To attend the public policy conference, please register via [Bruegel's event website](#).

If you are interested in attend the academic roundtable (in person or online), please contact Lucia Sardone at [lucia.sardone@bruegel.org](mailto:lucia.sardone@bruegel.org).