

The Next Phase of EU-India Relations: A Brussels Conversation



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Background and Overview

As the European Union (EU) and India look ahead to the implementation of the Joint EU-India Comprehensive Strategic Agenda, their partnership is entering a new phase. The visit of the European Commission College of Commissioners to India in February 2025, the Joint Communication published in September 2025 and the EU-India Summit held in January in New Delhi have injected renewed political momentum into bilateral relations: from trade and technology to connectivity and defence, both sides have reaffirmed their ambition to elevate the partnership.

The Summit also highlighted enduring challenges: aligning different worldviews, overcoming mutual misperceptions, and turning political ambition into sustainable, people-centred cooperation. Yet, there is growing recognition in Brussels that India is an indispensable partner in an increasingly fragmented geopolitical order.

This event, organised in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Office in Brussels, will bring together policymakers, researchers, diplomats and young professionals to reflect on the future of EU-India relations following the Summit. Taking a Brussels-centred perspective, the discussion will explore how EU institutions and stakeholders have engaged with their Indian counterparts; where shared interests in trade, technology and defence offer opportunities for deeper cooperation; and how the partnership fits within the EU's broader Indo-Pacific Strategy. In line with Generation EU-India's [White Paper](#) "Two to Tango: EU-India Relations in 2025 and Beyond", it will also examine where tangible progress can realistically be achieved and how emerging voices can help strengthen a resilient and mutually beneficial EU-India partnership.

PROGRAMME

Public Event (Chatham House Rule)

18:00h – 18.30h **Registration**

18:30h – 18.35h **Welcome Remarks**

Olaf Wientzek

Director of the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

18:35h – 19:30h **Panel – “The Next Phase of EU-India Relations: A Brussels Conversation”**

Moderator

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Speakers

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19:30h – **Light Refreshments & Networking**