



President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen to attend third Berlin Global Dialogue this October

- *President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen will attend the third Berlin Global Dialogue, which will take place from October 23-25, 2025, at ESMT Berlin.*
- *Under the theme "Shifting Power, Shaping Prosperity", this year's summit will explore how multipolarity can act as a catalyst for global growth and stability.*
- *Founded by Lars-Hendrik Röller, Professor at ESMT Berlin and former Chief Economic Advisor to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Berlin Global Dialogue unites international leaders from business, government, and academia to shape a new economic era.*

Berlin, August 26, 2025 – President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen is confirmed to attend the third Berlin Global Dialogue. After two successful summits, this year's Berlin Global Dialogue (BGD) will take place from October 23 to October 25 at ESMT Berlin.

BGD 2025 explores how multipolarity can act as a catalyst for global growth and stability. Participants will discuss how both established players and rising powers can avoid a race to the bottom and instead drive opportunity and prosperity for all.

"This is a pivotal moment. We are in the process of defining the rules of a new world order – rules that will impact us for decades to come. We are delighted that Ursula von der Leyen is joining us to discuss the role of Europe at this critical point in time," says Lars-Hendrik Röller, founder and chair of Berlin Global Dialogue.

Berlin Global Dialogue's annual summits are attended by high-level decision-makers from around the world. Previous participants include French President Emmanuel Macron, former German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and BlackRock's CEO Larry Fink, as well as other Heads of State and Government, Ministers, and C-Suite Representatives from over 70 countries. Learn more about this year's confirmed participants [here](#).

If you are interested in covering BGD 2025, please register [here](#).

About Berlin Global Dialogue

Berlin Global Dialogue (BGD) unites leaders from business, policy, and academia to develop joint solutions for the most pressing challenges impacting the global economy.

Established in 2022, Berlin Global Dialogue emerged from the economic, political, and social realities of the twenty-first century as a new platform for a new era.

Founded with the mission to strengthen the dialogue between different stakeholders, the annual summit convenes select high-level participants for candid exchanges in interactive formats that highlight diverse perspectives and facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration.



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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