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GSIS Strengthens Its International Presence: Roundtable on Goeconomic Dependencies and European Security in Washington

Washington, D.C., 11 May 2026 – The **Global Security and Innovation Summit (GSIS)** held a **strategic roundtable on 8 May 2026 in Washington D.C.** as part of its international activities. The event took place in the context of the **SCSP AI+ Expo** and underlines GSIS's ambition to actively shape transatlantic debates on security and innovation policy beyond Europe. The GSIS is jointly organised by the **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)** and **Hamburg Messe und Congress**.

With the Washington roundtable, GSIS continues to implement its internationalisation strategy and positions itself as a **year-round platform for transatlantic exchange** on key future issues at the intersection of security, technology and geopolitics.

The roundtable focused on Europe's goeconomic dependencies in the context of its evolving security posture, particularly with regard to critical raw materials, industrial supply chains and global power shifts. The discussion built on **analyses and executive briefings** developed as part of the GSIS programme.

The format brought together participants from strategic analysis, policy and the security- and technology-policy community and provided space for an open, practice-oriented exchange. The discussion was accompanied by experts from the IISS.

The event forms part of **GSIS's international activities** in the run-up to the Global Security and Innovation Summit 2026 in Hamburg and serves to introduce key summit topics into transatlantic debates at an early stage.

Through its presence in Washington, IISS and Hamburg Messe und Congress strengthen GSIS's role as a **bridge between European and US stakeholders** and as a platform for strategic discussions on the security- and innovation-policy challenges of the years ahead.

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The Global Security and Innovation Summit (GSIS) is an international conference and exhibition at the intersection of security policy, technological innovation and industry. The Summit brings together decision-makers from government, business, technology companies, finance and academia to discuss key questions driving the future of security and technology. GSIS combines strategic policy dialogue with a technology-driven perspective and promotes exchange between political, industrial and innovation ecosystems. The annual main conference in Hamburg is complemented by international partner formats. The next GSIS will take place on 9–10 December 2026 at the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg.

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About the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

The Global Security and Innovation Summit is built on the combined expertise of its partner institutions. The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) is a globally renowned think tank for security and defence policy with deep expertise in regional geopolitics and geoeconomics. It is known for high-level forums such as the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue (Asia), the IISS Manama Dialogue (Middle East) and the IISS Prague Defence Summit (Europe). The institute provides policy-relevant and business-relevant analysis through its international research team.

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