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Biography

A young professional working at the heart of the European Union in Brussels, with a profound passion for international affairs, foreign policy, and a strong interest on the impact of EU policy on socio-economic development in Europe.

Retains an in-depth knowledge and experience with the legislative processes and internal dynamics of the EU institutions (European Commission, Parliament and Council), particularly regarding the EU policy approaches towards issues related to trade, industry and innovation.

Possesses relevant professional background dealing with institutional and public relations, events organization and stakeholder management, both from the perspective of private consultancies and industry associations.

References

The EU Semiconductor Strategy: Adapting to a Changing Geopolitical Landscape

L. Saint-Martin
Partner
DECISION Etudes & Conseil, Paris, France



Abstract

Léo will offer a comprehensive retrospective on the evolution of the global geopolitical landscape since the early 2010s and its impact on the semiconductor ecosystem. This analysis will focus particularly on how export control regulations have shaped the industry. Additionally, Léo will explore the evolution of the EU's industrial policy in response to these changes.

Looking forward, Léo will outline the EU's strategic roadmap to address its strategic dependencies and identify key industrial opportunities in alignment with a potential "Chips Act 2.0."

In conclusion, Léo will examine potential future geopolitical scenarios and assess their implications for the EU semiconductor industry.

Biography

Léo Saint-Martin is partner at DECISION Etudes & Conseil. Léo joined DECISION in 2016 to manage a team of economists and bring his expertise in market research and economic analysis in the fields of electronics components and systems.

Léo is the project manager of the economic analysis of the semiconductor industry within the ICOS project (International Cooperation On Semiconductors) since 2023 on behalf of DECISION.

Léo is also the project manager of the ECSA project (Microelectronics Training, Industry and Skills) and of the European Chips Skills Academy project since 2019 on behalf of DECISION. DECISION is in charge of the skills monitoring and of the quantification of the European talent gap within these projects which will run until 2027.

Léo has also been the manager and the main redactor of studies made by DECISION for the European Commission, French government bodies, industry associations and industrials on topics related to the semiconductor value-chain, the electronics value-chain and end-user industries (automotive, defense & security, industrial & robotics, cloud computing...).

Before joining DECISION Etudes & Conseil, Léo has conducted a number of theoretical and empirical research projects in economics and statistics focusing on local and international development issues.

Léo holds a master's degree in economics from Paris-Dauphine University, a bachelor's degree in economics and law from Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense University and an advanced certificate in corporate finance from HEC Paris.

References

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Frédérique Le Grevès is President of STMicroelectronics France and STMicroelectronics' Executive Vice President, Europe & France Public Affairs since March 2021. During her career, she has held various positions in management committees of companies in the automotive sector – Aptiv, Nissan Motors, Renault Group, Renault Nissan Mitsubishi Alliance - both in Europe and the United States. In April 2022, she was appointed President of the “Electronic Industry” Strategic Committee (CSF) in France, in July 2022, she was appointed Vice-President of the Electronics Branch of the FIEEC (Federation of Electrical, Electronic and Communication Industries) and in December 2023, Vice-President of the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA).

References

The Chips Act and Europe's Path to a Stronger, Resilient Semiconductor Ecosystem

G. Kalbe
Acting Director of DG Connect C, Digital
Excellence and Science Infrastructure
European Innovation Council, Brussels, Belgium



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Biography

DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission, Acting Director of DG Connect C “Digital Excellence and Science Infrastructure” and Head of Unit of the High Performance Computing and Quantum Technology unit

Dr. Gustav Kalbe studied Applied Physics at the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. In 1991 he studied Applied Optics at the Imperial College of Science in London. In 1995 he completed his studies and earned a PhD in Physics at the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

He started his professional career as a project manager in photonic networks at the incumbent telecom operator in Belgium. He was R&D manager when he left the company.

In 1998 he joined the Directorate General Information Society & Media of the European Commission where he started working as Project Officer managing research projects of the European Framework Programs for Research. Over the years he had several assignments in quantum technologies, photonics, and cybersecurity.

In 2014 Gustav Kalbe became Head of Unit for Administration & Finance in the European Commission, in Directorate General Communications Networks, Content and Technology.

In 2016 he was appointed Head of Unit of the newly created High Performance Computing and Quantum Technology unit in Directorate General Communications Networks, Content and Technology.

In 2018 he became responsible for the establishment and operation of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking. He occupied the post of Interim Executive Director of the Joint Undertaking until its autonomy by the end of 2020.

In January 2021, he was appointed Deputy to the Director of DG Connect C “Digital Excellence and Science Infrastructure”.

Since May 2022 Gustav is the Acting Director of DG Connect C “Digital Excellence and Science Infrastructure”.

References

Panelist

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Since December 2022, Virginia leads the project design, budgeting and implementation of EB's International Technology Security and Innovation (ITSI) Fund, created by the CHIPS Act of 2022. She joined EB in June 2022 as the Deputy Director for Public Diplomacy. Prior to EB, she served as a Senior Legislative Affairs Officer. Spending a year, she graduated in 2021 from the National Intelligence University with a Master of Strategic Intelligence where she published two journal articles. She served four years as the Deputy Director for the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) Section in the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. Prior to this assignment, she served as INL Mexico's Program Officer for the Police Professionalization Team. She previously served with INL in Bogota, Colombia (3 years) and Islamabad, Pakistan (1 year). Her other assignments with the Department have included: Paraguay and Uruguay Desk Officer in the Office of Brazilian and Southern Cone Affairs; Political Officer in Rome, Italy; Vice-Consul in Islamabad, Pakistan; and Political/Economic Officer in Oslo, Norway.

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