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TRANSATLANTIC TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY COOPERATION

GSIS and the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP) deepen cooperation on technology, security and innovation

The Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP) continues its partnership with the Global Security and Innovation Summit – strengthening the transatlantic discussion on strategic future technologies.

Key Facts

- **Partnership:** GSIS and SCSP extend their cooperation
 - **Sponsor:** SCSP continues its support as a partner of GSIS
 - **Topics:** Future technologies, security, innovation and geopolitical competitiveness
 - **Transatlantic exchange:** Strengthening discussion between Europe and the United States
 - **International Context:** GSIS presence at the AI+ Expo in Washington
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Hamburg / Washington, 11 March 2026 – The Global Security and Innovation Summit (GSIS) and the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP) in Washington are extending their collaboration. The US-based think tank will continue to support GSIS in 2026 as a partner and sponsor. The joint objective is to further deepen the transatlantic exchange on key technologies at the intersection of innovation, security and geopolitical competitiveness.

Transatlantic exchange on strategic technologies

GSIS brings together decision-makers from government, technology, industry and strategic research to discuss central questions shaping the future of security and technological development. The renewed partnership with SCSP particularly strengthens transatlantic cooperation between Europe and the United States on the thematic priorities embedded in the GSIS 2026 programme — including artificial intelligence and quantum technologies, space, critical infrastructure, energy and resource security, as well as innovation-driven financing models.

As an international discussion forum, GSIS combines a high-level security policy conference with a curated exhibition on technology and innovation. This dual approach bridges a gap

between traditional security-policy forums and conventional defence or industry exhibitions, enabling an integrated exchange on security-relevant emerging technologies.

Statements

"In an era of intensifying strategic competition, transatlantic unity is not merely a diplomatic preference—it is a strategic necessity. To prevail in the face of disruptive emerging technologies, we must consolidate our collective advantages. Our collaboration with GSIS remains a vital pillar in this effort. We are committed to a sustained, high-level dialogue between the United States and our European allies to secure our technological edge, fortify our common security, and ensure that the future of global innovation is written by free and open societies."

Ylli Bajraktari, President and CEO, Special Competitive Studies Project

"Our partnership with SCSP underlines how closely geopolitics, technology and innovation are now intertwined. At a time of growing strategic competition, GSIS provides a platform to connect leaders from Washington and Europe across policy, industry and the strategic community — not only to exchange ideas, but to help shape a shared transatlantic agenda for security, technological leadership and innovation."

Dimitrios Argirakos, Executive Chair, Global Security and Innovation Summit

GSIS international: Engagement in Washington

As part of the partnership, GSIS will be present this spring at the AI+ Expo in Washington, where it will deepen exchanges with representatives from politics, technology companies and strategic think tanks. This international presence contributes to the long-term development of GSIS into a year-round platform for debate on security, innovation and technological transformation.

About GSIS – Global Security and Innovation Summit

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.

More information:

[GSIS - Global Security and Innovation Summit](#)

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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.

More information:

[The International Institute for Strategic Studies](#)

About the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP)

The Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP) is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative with a mission to make recommendations to strengthen America's long-term competitiveness as artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies are reshaping our national security, economy, and society.

More information:

[Special Competitive Studies Project Homepage - SCSP](#)

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