

## Plein phare sur l'Europe with MEP Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

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"An independent and sovereign Europe is a high priority for the current French presidency of the EU. Especially in light of the current geopolitical crisis, Europe should focus on an open strategic autonomy."

**Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

Lighthouse Europe had the honor of welcoming Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, co-chair of the Renaissance delegation and vice-chair of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA), for the 2nd edition of "Plein phare sur l'Europe".

The member of the European Parliament and stakeholders discussed the priorities of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union on EU trade policy. The carbon border adjustment mechanism, the international procurement instrument, the distortive effects of foreign subsidies, and the anti-coercion instrument have been discussed in greater detail.

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne also addressed the need for the European Union to build its strategic autonomy in the fields of energy, food, and foreign affairs in the context of the actual geopolitical crisis. The member of the European Parliament and her political group, Renew Europe, reiterate the need to protect the EU interests and values while supporting openness, cooperation, pragmatism, and stability in the EU's trade policy.

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne underlines the utmost importance to engage with civil society to strengthen open dialogues and constructive debates between public-decision makers and European stakeholders.

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