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## **Transatlantic Partnerships to Counter Biological Threats**

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This presentation will look at local and global risks from biological threats, and, in particular, some of the crucial issues at this intersection of science and security. With very real concerns about the evolving threat of bioterrorism, this presentation will examine the key steps policy makers and scientists need to take in order to promote global scientific cooperation and simultaneously protect against those who would use biological agents to harm individuals and societies. Emphasis will be on specific areas for creating or enhancing collaboration and partnerships between the U.S. and Europe to help transform the transatlantic and international dialogue and address these dual goals. This presentation will describe ways that, with a comprehensive and international approach, we can reduce the threats from infectious diseases – whether naturally occurring, or the result of an accident or deliberate release.