

**Westminster eForum policy conference**  
**Next steps for supporting trade and investment in the UK's tech sector**  
*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020*  
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for the UK tech sector as it moves on from COVID-19 and prepares for the end of the EU exit transition period**  
**Gerard Grech**, CEO, Tech Nation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Tackling the challenges facing the UK tech sector - supporting UK-based tech startups, attracting investment, adapting to new ways of working, and the impact of the pandemic**  
**Simon Staffell**, UK Government Affairs Manager, Microsoft  
**Dr Leslie Kanthan**, CEO, DataSpartan  
**Parker Webb-Mitchell**, Manager of Technical Delivery, nCino  
Senior representative, investment  
Senior representative, international  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Putting in place the skills need to drive sector growth - education and professional development, diversity, and attracting talent**  
Senior representative, workforce  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Developing a future trade strategy for the UK tech industry - exploiting key opportunities in international trade and export markets, and linking with local industrial strategies**  
**Alison Webster**, Chief Executive Officer, Thames Valley Berkshire LEP  
**Dominykas Broga**, Programme Manager for International Trade, techUK  
**Marco Forgione**, Director General, The Institute of Export and International Trade  
Senior representative, international  
Senior representative, legal  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Future trade and wider opportunities for the UK tech sector**  
**Oriel Petry**, Director, Technology and Advanced Manufacturing, Department for International Trade  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster eForum