INTEGRATING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE INTO EU CSDP MISSIONS AND OPERATIONS: DELIVERING ON THE STRATEGIC COMPASS

Expert seminar co-organised by the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU, the European External Action Service (EEAS), and the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

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Residence Palace (Salle Polak), 155 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels

Integrating a gender perspective into EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSPD) Missions and Operations and thus implementing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda as defined by UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions, is a longstanding EU commitment. It was reaffirmed by the Gender Action Plan (EU GAP) III (2021-2025) calling for gender equality as crosscutting priority of all EU external action and for a full implementation of the WPS agenda. To contribute to the implementation of the ambitions expressed in the EU Strategic Compass for Security and Defence, adopted in March 2022, this in-person expert seminar aims to shed light on the various dimensions of integrating gender perspectives into European Security and Defence, with special attention to military CSDP missions and operations.

The seminar will start off with a presentation of the CSDP baseline study conducted by the European External Action Service (EEAS), which will then be followed by three working group sessions focusing on the various facets of conducting military CSDP missions and operations in a gender-responsive way. The results of those working groups sessions will feed into a high-level panel in the afternoon, pursuing the objective to lay out a path for further integrating gender perspectives into EU CSDP. The seminar is jointly organised by the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU, the EEAS, and the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS).
OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gustav LINDSTROM
Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Mikael LINDVALL
Ambassador to the Political and Security Committee, Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU

Cosmin DOBRAN
Director, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate, European External Action Service

PRESENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE EU CSDP BASELINE STUDY

Speakers

Terhi LEHTINEN
Head of Division, Horizontal Coordination, European Union Military Staff

Tiina VAHTRAS

WORKING GROUP SESSIONS – IN PARALLEL

1. LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE

Speakers

Kenneth McDonagh
Associate Professor, Dublin City University

Lina ANDÉÉR
Gender-responsive Leadership Expert, European External Action Service

Rory KEANE
Head of Office, UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security

Matilda LIDSTRÖM DOUGNAC
Senior Gender Advisor, Swedish Armed Forces

Moderator

Viola Fee DREIKHAUSEN
Associate Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

2. GENDER EXPERTISE, CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

Speakers

Agata SZYMANSKA
Desk Officer and Former Gender Advisor to the EU Advisory Mission in Ukraine, Folke Bernadotte Academy

Colonel Juan LUCERO
Leader for Gender in Military Common Security and Defence Policy, Spanish Ministry of Defence
3. GENDER AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Speakers

Megan BASTICK
Gender and Security Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

Matthew HURLEY
Senior Lecturer in Politics & International Relations, Sheffield Hallam University

Brigadier General Katrien D’HERT
Director of Logistics, European Union Military Staff

Lieutenant Colonel Katherine PRUDHOE
Gender Advisor, NATO International Military Staff

Moderator

Jan Joel ANDERSSON
Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

12.00-13.30
Networking Lunch

13.30-14.00
INTRODUCTION TO HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSION – OPENING REMARKS

General Robert BRIEGER
Chairman of the European Union Military Committee

Rear Admiral Jens NYKVIST
Military Representative of Sweden to the EU and NATO

14.00-14.30
WORKING GROUP SESSIONS – MAIN CONCLUSIONS

Speakers

Gustav LINDSTROM
Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Jan Joel ANDERSSON
Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Viola Fee DREIKHAUSEN
Associate Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

14.30-14.45
Coffee Break
14.45-15.45
HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY – BEYOND THE WHY: THE PATH TOWARDS STRONGER GENDER INTEGRATION IN EU CSDP
Speakers
Vice Admiral Hervé BLÉJEAN
Director-General, European Union Military Staff
Benedikta VON SEHERR-THOSS
Managing Director, Common Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service
Stella RONNER GRUBAČIĆ
EU Ambassador for Gender and Diversity, European External Action Service
Irene FELLIN
Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace, and Security, NATO
Major General Johan PEKKARI
Chief of the Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, Swedish Armed Forces
Moderator
Gustav LINDSTROM
Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

15.45-16.00
CONCLUSIONS – THE WAY FORWARD FOR DELIVERING ON THE STRATEGIC COMPASS
Speakers
Benedikta VON SEHERR-THOSS
Managing Director, Common Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service
Johan FRISSELL
Deputy Director General and Head of the Department for European Security Policy, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Moderator
Gustav LINDSTROM
Director, EU Institute for Security Studies