

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

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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

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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).

09.00-09.30

### Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.30-09.45

### 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

09.45-10.00

### PRESENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE EU CSDP BASELINE STUDY

*Speakers*

#### **Terhi LEHTINEN**

Head of Division, Horizontal Coordination, European Union Military Staff

#### **Tiina VAHTRAS**

Policy Officer for Human Rights and Gender, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate, European External Action Service

10.00-12.00 (with an optional coffee break from 11.00-11.30)

### WORKING GROUP SESSIONS – IN PARALLEL

#### 1. LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE

*Speakers*

##### **Kenneth McDONAGH**

Associate Professor, Dublin City University

##### **Lina ANDÉER**

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



**Taina JÄRVINEN**

Senior Advisor, European Centre of Excellence for Civilian Crisis Management

**Terhi LEHTINEN**

Head of Division, Horizontal Coordination, European Union Military Staff

*Moderator*

**Gustav LINDSTROM**

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

**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 FRISELL**

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