

Prospects for EU-India Security Cooperation

September 26, 2016

Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road,
New Delhi, India

Programme Agenda

19:00 INAUGURAL SESSION

19:00 – 19:30	Conference Registration
19:30 – 19:40	Welcome Remarks – Sunjoy Joshi , Director, Observer Research Foundation
19:40 – 20:00	Keynote Address – Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski , Ambassador of the European Union to India
20:00 – 20:10	Vote of Thanks – Britta Petersen , Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

20:10 – 21:10 Panel Discussion - Prospects for EU-India Security Cooperation

This session looks to explore specific common security challenges faced by the European Union and India, and how the two regions can cooperate to find common solutions. The panel will discuss three themes. First, Radicalisation and Terrorism: both the EU and India have faced their devastating effects. Countering these challenges requires a continuous exchange of ideas, information and approaches, increased coordination and cooperation within and between states and shared understanding of the drivers of radicalisation. Second, West Asia (the Middle East): the fragile political, economic, and social environment of the region provides a breeding ground for conflict as well as transnational criminal networks smuggling drugs, people and weapons. Europe and India both rely on the Middle East for oil and gas and millions of Indians work there. The internal dynamics of the countries of West Asia, regional divisions and foreign interventions, have profound implications for India and the EU. And third, Maritime Security: enhancing maritime governance in the Indian Ocean, countering illegal activities (piracy, smuggling, IUU fishing), improving the safety of navigation and sustainably managing maritime resources are areas that require effective international cooperation.

Moderator: **Samir Saran**, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation

Speakers:

Eva Pejsova, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Gareth Price, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House – The Royal Institute of International Affairs

Kanchi Gupta, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Harsh Pant, Distinguished Fellow & Head, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation

21:10 Conference Dinner