

EUISS Annual Conference



Conceptualising Strategic Autonomy

5-6 December 2018, Brussels

The 2016 EU Global Strategy notes that "an appropriate level of ambition and strategic autonomy is important for Europe's ability to promote peace and security within and beyond its borders." This begs the questions, what does strategic autonomy imply?

Rather than seek a definition, the 2018 EUISS annual conference provides a space to consider multiple views on the concept and the dimensions it might encompass. In addition, the strategic autonomy lens will be used to examine how new and evolving CSDP developments might contribute to it.

Lastly, the conference includes a forward-looking component. Specifically, what are emerging security challenges and how might they impact the EU's ability to pursue its five priorities of external action: 1) the security of the Union, 2) state and societal resilience to our east and south, 3) an integrated approach to conflicts, 4) the promotion of regional cooperative orders, and 5) global governance for the 21st century.

Wednesday 5 December

19:00 - Cocktail dinatoire - Keynote speech

Helga Maria SCHMID

Secretary General, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Thursday 6 December

09:30-10:15

Registration and welcome coffee

10:15-10:30

Welcome and Introduction

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

10:30-10:45

Opening address by **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission (by pre-recorded video)

10:45-12:15

Session 1: Framing Strategic Autonomy in Uncertain Times

Moderator:

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Speakers:

Nicole GNESOTTO

Professeur titulaire de la Chaire de l'Union européenne, Conservatoire national des arts et métiers (CNAM)

Elina RIBAKOVA

Visiting Fellow, Bruegel

Teija TIILIKAINEN

Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

12:15-13:30

Lunch

13:30-14:40

Session 2: Conceptualising EU Strategic Autonomy - Views from Capitals

Moderator:

Florence GAUB

Deputy Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Speakers:

Florian ESCUDIÉ

Head of Strategic Affairs and Cybersecurity Department, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs, France

Daniel OLSSON

Deputy Director, Head of Europe Division, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Maciej PISARSKI

Director, Foreign Policy Strategy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

14:45-16:00

Session 3: New CSDP Tools and Concepts - Possible Contributions to Strategic Autonomy?

Moderator:

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Speakers:

Jorge DOMEQ

Chief Executive, European Defence Agency (EDA)

Claudia MAJOR

Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)

Olivier ONIDI

Deputy Director General, DG HOME, European Commission

Pedro SERRANO

Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service (EEAS)

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-17:30

Session 4: Looking ahead - Emerging Security Challenges

Moderator:

Giovanni FALEG

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Speakers:

Stefanie BABST

Head, Strategic Analysis Capability, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)