

Marching to where? The operational dimension of the EU Strategic Compass



An expert webinar co-organised by the Clingendael Institute and the EU Institute for Security Studies (EU ISS) and supported by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Netherlands.

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CONCEPT

The EU Strategic Compass is to set out what the EU should be able to do and achieve in the area of crisis management and resilience in the next 5-10 years, and which capacities and partnerships (including EU-NATO) it will need in that regard. This webinar will focus on the military operational dimension of the Strategic Compass.

Key questions that will be discussed at the webinar include:

- Level of ambition: What type of missions and operations should the EU be able to carry out?
- How to make better use of EU Battle Groups?
- What options for Coalitions of the Willing operating under an EU-flag?
- What is needed in terms of Command & Control?

To engage with these questions and themes, the webinar will bring together policymakers and analysts together. During the debate other related questions could be raised such as: what is the military contribution to enhancing resilience and countering hybrid threats? What are the implications for resources and capabilities? How can cooperation between the EU and NATO be improved?

The event will start with two keynote scene-setting speeches, followed by responses by a government representative and a think tanker. The participants will be given the opportunity to take part in the following discussion.

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PROGRAMME

08:30-08:35

Welcome address

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Dick ZANDEE

Head Security Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'

08:35-09:35

Keynote speakers

Joep WIJNANDS

Director General, Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence, Netherlands

Hervé BLÉJEAN

Vice-Admiral, Director General, European Union Military Staff

Impulse reactions

Peer HORSTMANN

Deputy Head of Division CSDP, Political Department, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany

Nicole KOENIG

Deputy Director, Jacques Delors Centre

Moderator

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

09:35-09:55

Open exchange and discussion

09:55-10:00

Closing remarks

Dick ZANDEE

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