

# AFTER THE COMPASS

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## EU action in security and defence in a new age of global powerplay

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Adopting the Strategic Compass was only the beginning of the journey. Timely and effective delivery is now the heart of the matter if Europe is to thrive in an ever more challenging geopolitical environment.

Thus, action and reflection must now turn to its implementation. It is fair to say that, without sustained commitment by EU Member States and Institutions, the Union will be unable to achieve its stated level of ambition and nor will Europe be prepared for an era of strategic competition. In this regard, it is necessary for government, institutional and think tank representatives to discuss the most effective way forward in sustaining the Union's need to act more decisively, robustly and speedily. How to best ensure that the EU has the necessary capabilities and operational capacities to act militarily? How best to ensure that the Union's military actions can help support its broader efforts to secure its international position and project its interests? In what ways should the EU-NATO partnership evolve to ensure that Europeans can more autonomously defend Europe and project its presence globally?

To answer such questions, this seminar, will bring together EU and Member State officials with representatives from the think tank community for an in-depth discussion on EU security and defence. Held at the close of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU and in partnership with the Czech and Swedish Ministries of Defence, it will feed into the preparation of the upcoming presidencies.

More specifically, the seminar will begin with a panel discussion with EU officials and representatives from the Council of the EU Presidency "Trio" from France, the Czech Republic and Sweden. This panel debate will be followed by two parallel working groups: the first focusing on the recently announced EU Rapid Deployment Capacity and the second on EU-NATO cooperation. These working groups will be followed by plenary session to discuss the main lines of thinking and issues discussed.

A report will be issued to make available the results of the discussion to a broader public, including additional views on the topics from national as well as institutional representatives.



11:30-12:30

## WELCOME LUNCH

12:30-13:00

## WELCOME ADDRESS

Gustav LINDSTROM

**Director, EU Institute for Security Studies**

Alice GUITTON

**Director-General, DGRIS, Ministry for the Armed Forces, France**

13:00-15:00

## PANEL SESSION – THE VALUE OF EU SECURITY AND DEFENCE IN AN ERA OF GREAT POWER COMPETITION?

*Moderator*

Dirk HAMANN

**Colonel, DGRIS, Ministry for the Armed Forces, France**

*Speakers*

Viktoria HJORT MALMER

**Deputy Defence Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, Sweden**

Guillaume OLLAGNIER

**Director, European, North American and Multilateral Affairs, DGRIS, Ministry for the Armed Forces, France**

Fernando LOPEZ DEL POZO

**Defence Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, Spain**

Martin RIEGL

**Defence Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, Czech Republic**

15:00-15:15

## BREAK

15:15-16:30

## WORKING SESSION I – EU RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPACITY

Sven BISCOP

**Director, Europe in the World Programme, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations**

15:15-16:30

## WORKING SESSION II – EU-NATO COOPERATION

Marcin TERLIKOWSKI

**Head, International Security Programme, Polish Institute of International Affairs**

16:30-17:00

## PLENARY SESSION – ENCOURAGING EU ACTION

17:00

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Gustav LINDSTROM

**Director, EU Institute for Security Studies**

