

THE EU, NATO AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



New possibilities for cooperation?

A conference co-organised by the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU and the EU Institute for Security Studies.

14 November 2019, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU, Avenue de Cortenbergh 80, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

08:30-9:00

Registration and coffee

09:00-09:30

WELCOME SPEECH

Klaus KORHONEN

Ambassador, Head of Mission of Finland to NATO

9:30-11:00

PANEL I - THE STATE OF PLAY ON AI AND DEFENCE

This panel will focus on the state of play in NATO and the EU. Furthermore, regulatory aspects will be touched upon such as how do we promote a global and comprehensive discussion on AI military applications and relevant regulatory aspects. This introductory panel seeks to uncover how NATO and the EU view and approach AI in defence. In this regard, the panel will ask whether the two organisations share a similar approach to AI and defence or not. This panel is also an opportunity to think about how the introduction of AI in defence could pose challenges for interoperability in European defence.

Moderator

Sophie-Charlotte FISCHER

Mercator Technology Fellow, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany

Speakers

Pekka APPELQVIST

Professor, Research Unit, Ministry of Defence, Finland

Panagiotis KIKIRAS

Head of Unit, Innovative Research, European Defence Agency

Wiktór STANIECKI

Head of Cybersecurity Sector, Security and Defence Policy Division, European External Action Service

Pavel ZUNA

Director, Collaboration Support Office, NATO Science and Technology Office

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

PANEL II - WHAT ROOM FOR EU-NATO COOPERATION ON AI?

The aim of this panel is to identify the parameters of potential EU-NATO cooperation in AI and its application to security and defence. First, the panel aims to uncover what are the EU's and NATO's expectations of each other when it comes to AI and security and defence. On this basis, panellists will be asked whether there is scope to include AI into the common actions that form part of the Joint Declarations.

Moderator

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Antonio MISSIROLI

Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO

Kristine RUDZITE-STEJSKALA

Director of Logistics and Defence Investments Policy Department, Ministry of Defence, Latvia

Kaan SAHIN

Research Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations

13:00-14:00

Networking lunch