

**European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)
and
Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)**

**SIXTH EU-INDIA FORUM
Martin's Brussels EU Hotel
11-12 May 2015**

This forum convenes a small number of European and Indian experts on foreign and security policy as well as global issues, to discuss respective approaches and possible avenues for cooperation in the future. It will address the state of play of the formal EU-India relationship with a view to improving mutual understanding - and will analyse but also aim to generate ideas on how to move forward after a decade of a formal strategic partnership but also changed leaderships and a more volatile global geopolitical and regional security environment. The small setting with its off-the-record discussion is designed to bring together officials, think tankers and academics from the EU, India and various EU member states to encourage an in-depth exploration of these topics.

Monday, 11 May 2015

13:00-13:45 Welcome lunch

13:45-14:15 Introductory remarks
Antonio Missiroli (EUISS)
Rajiv K. Bhatia (ICWA)

14:15-15:45 Session 1 — Policy priorities of India and the EU: towards convergence or divergence?

This session takes stock of recent developments when it comes to India's and the EU's strategic policy orientation and priorities for both the Modi administration and the new EU foreign policy team. Are there areas of convergence and opportunities for closer foreign policy cooperation?

CHAIR: Ugo Astuto (EEAS)

SPEAKERS: Dinkar Khullar (former Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU)
Antonio Missiroli (EUISS)
Rajendra Jain (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:15 **Session 2 — Security policy: opportunities for cooperation?**

This session discusses developments and mutual approaches in security policy in areas where India and the EU already cooperate (counter-terrorism, counter-piracy, cyber-security, non-proliferation and disarmament) as well as those where both partners could potentially cooperate in the future.

CHAIR: Shada Islam (Friends of Europe)

SPEAKERS: Pankaj Jha (ICWA)
Gareth Price (Chatham House)
Ben Tallis (Institute of International Relations)

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

10:00-11:15 **Session 3 — Exploring new horizons: defence economics, military and industry**

This session assesses defence military engagements both from the vantage point of the defence industry and that offered by respective approaches towards military crisis management and emerging patterns in EU military partnerships.

CHAIR: Eva Gross (EUISS)

SPEAKERS: Jolyon Howorth (Yale University)
Karine Lisbonne de Vergeron (Global Policy Institute)
Pankaj Jha (ICWA)

11:15-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-12:45 **Session 4 — Involving civil society and local authorities in the EU-India strategic partnership**

This session addresses ways in which the EU-India strategic partnership could be brought closer to the citizens. It will discuss possible formats, tools and initiatives for bringing together civil society representatives from both sides – as well as ways of stimulating dialogue and cooperation between ‘local authorities’ from the EU and India. What tools and initiatives are best suited to attract citizens' interest and active involvement in the strategic partnership? What local and regional channels of communication should be opened to facilitate the input of civil society (but also ownership of the process)?

CHAIR: Rajiv K. Bhatia (ICWA)

SPEAKERS: Dinkar Khullar (former Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU)
Ruth Kattumuri (LSE)
Rajendra Jain (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

12:45-13:15 **Closing brainstorming – moving forward: what is next for EU-India relations?**

MODERATORS: Maria Castillo Fernandez (EEAS)
Rajiv K. Bhatia (ICWA)

13:15-14:00 *Sandwich lunch*