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Transatlantic security in insecure times

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08:00-08:45
Registration

08:45-9:00
Welcome remarks

Margriet DRENT
Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute

Florence GAUB
Deputy Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Julianne SMITH
Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow, Robert Bosch Academy

09:00-10:30
Roundtable 1 - Transatlantic security: Europe steps up?
Political turmoil on both sides of the Atlantic has put significant strains on the transatlantic relationship. The US national security and defence strategies outline an ‘America first’ foreign policy that takes a more conditional and transactional approach to transatlantic security. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic the realisation has sunk in that Europe has to take up more responsibility for its own security. With the launch of PESCO and the European Defence Fund the frameworks are in place to take European defence cooperation to the next level. Will these developments constitute a step change? And where does this leave the transatlantic security relationship?

Moderator: Margriet DRENT
Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute

Daniela SCHWARZER
Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik

Julianne SMITH
Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow, Robert Bosch Academy

Nicolas SURAN
French Ambassador to the Political and Security Committee

Paul TAYLOR
Contributing Editor at POLITICO and Senior Fellow, Friends of Europe
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10:30-11:00
Coffee break

11:00-12:30
Roundtable 2 - Global security challenges: sharing the workload
The sheer variety of security threats confronting the transatlantic partners and the transactionalist approach of the Trump administration have placed burden-sharing prominently on the agenda. Moving beyond a narrow focus on defence spending and institutions, what should burden-sharing across the Atlantic look like? Is a 360° approach still viable or should we opt for regional constructs instead? And what consequences does this have for transatlantic security cooperation?

**Moderator:** Daniel FIOTT  
Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

**Steven ERLANGER**  
Chief Diplomatic Correspondent in Europe, The New York Times

**Alessandro MARRONE**  
Head of Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali

**Jamie SHEA**  
Professor of Strategy and Security at the University of Exeter and former Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO

**Teija Tiilikainen**  
Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

12:30-14:00
Lunch debate - North Korea: in the eye of the storm?
With tensions between the United States and North Korea rising, how to make deterrence work, and how worried should we be about this cycle of brinkmanship? How is the threat viewed from both sides of the Atlantic? And what would the implications of further escalation be for the transatlantic relationship?

**Moderator:** Jim TOWNSEND  
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security

**Reinhold BRENDER**  
Head of Division for Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, European External Action Service

**Theresa FALLON**  
Director, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies

**Fredrick VINCENZO**  
Director, NATO Special Operations School

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14:00-15:30

Roundtable 3 - The storm within? Turkey's posture in transatlantic security

Turkey finds itself increasingly at odds with its transatlantic partners. Ankara's illiberal tendencies, its flirtations with Moscow in energy and defence and its posture in Syria have soured relations at bilateral and institutional levels. How does this affect the political cohesion of the transatlantic community? Are the transatlantic partners and their institutions robust enough to weather the storm within?

Moderator: Rem KORTEWEG
Head of Europe in the World Unit and Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute

Angelina EICHHORST
Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia and Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey, European External Action Service

Jeremy SHAPIRO
Director of Research, European Council on Foreign Relations

Amanda SLOAT
Robert Bosch Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institute

Sinan Ülgen
Chairman, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies

15:30-15:45

Closing remarks

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