Towards 'European sovereignty' in security and defence?

The view from Romania and Finland

A seminar co-organised by the EU Institute for Security Studies and the Direction générale des relations internationales et de la stratégie (DGRIS), French Ministry for the Armed Forces.


10:00-10:30 Registration and welcome coffee

10:30-11:00

Opening remarks

Alice GUITTON
Director, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces

Gustav LINDSTROM
Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

11:00-12:30

Panel I - Any closer to a 'strategic culture' in Europe? A Romanian legacy

How will security and defence be shaped as a result of the 'Sibiu Summit' on the Future of the EU in May 2019? How can we deliver on a 'Europe that protects' its citizens? How can initiatives such as PESCO, the EDF and EI2 really help generate a European strategic culture? Beyond the well-established concerns about PESCO and EDF raised by the think tank community, how should EU initiatives be developed to meet Europe's genuine security concerns and challenging dependencies? Is there a need for new structures and initiatives in EU security and defence?

Moderator

Daniel FIOTT
Security and Defence Editor

Speakers

Simona COJOCARU
Director, Defence Policy Division, Romanian National Ministry of Defence

Hervé DE BONNAVENTURE
Deputy Director, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces

Bruno DUPRE
Senior Advisor on Defence, Strategic Planning, European External Action Service

Barbara KUNZ
Research Fellow, Institut français des relations internationales
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12:30-14:00 Working Lunch

14:00-15:30
Panel II - Towards more responsibility for European security? The Finnish vision

Given ongoing geostrategic shifts, is it time for Europeans in general and the EU in particular to start thinking about non-CSDP related contingencies such as arms control and deterrence? How would this effect the EU-NATO relationship? What more should be done by European states to ensure European security? In particular, how can Europeans build solidarity for security and defence and how is it tackling the defence dimensions to hybrid threats?

Moderator
Jörg NEUREUTHER
German Exchange Officer, Section for EU Affairs, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces

Speakers
Guillaume DE LA BROSSE
Advisor on Defence, Secretariat-General, European Commission
Luca GUARAGNO
Force and Capability Branch Chief, EU Military Staff, EEAS
Janne KUUSELA
Director, Defence Policy Division, Finnish National Ministry of Defence

15:30-16:00
Concluding remarks
Olivier LANDOUR
Director European, North American and Multilateral Affairs, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces
Gustav LINDESTRÖM
Director, EU Institute for Security Studies