

Continuity and change in European security and defence?



A discussion with Finland and Croatia

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10:00-10:30

Registration and welcome coffee

10:30-11:00

Opening remarks

Luc DE RANCOURT

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

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

11:00-12:30

Panel I - How far have we actually come on EU defence?

Following agreement on a raft of new EU defence initiatives, how much closer is the Union to responsibility and autonomy on security and defence? With one eye on consolidating initiatives such as the European Defence Fund and PESCO, how will these building blocks make a real difference to the protection of Europeans?

Moderator

Jörg NEUREUTHER

German Exchange Officer, Section for EU Affairs, DGRIS, Ministry for the Armed Forces, France

Speakers

Alice BILLON-GALLAND

Research Associate, Chatham House

Sylvia KAINZ-HUBER

Head of Unit, Defence 2, DG Grow, European Commission

Janne KUUSELA

Director, Defence Policy Division, National Ministry of Defence, Finland

12:30-14:00

Working Lunch

14:00-15:30

Panel II - In what ways could EU defence evolve in the future?

In light of evolving geopolitical shifts, what can and should the future hold for EU security and defence? Are we heading for a 'European Defence Union' and what does it mean in practice? Given situations as recently witnessed in the Strait of Hormuz, is the EU in a position to take its military level of ambition to new heights?

Moderator

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Elena LAZAROU

Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service

Petar MIHATOV

Assistant Minister for Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence, Croatia

Arnout MOLENAAR

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

15:30-16:00

Concluding remarks

Alice GUITTON

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

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies