

From Global Strategy to Global Actor?



ESDC Alumni Seminar 2019

A seminar co-organised by the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU. The seminar will take place under the Chatham House rule.



22 February 2019, Auditorium BREYDEL, Avenue d'Auderghem 45, Brussels



09:30-10:00

Registration and welcome coffee

10:00-10:15

Opening remarks

Dirk DUBOIS

Director, European Security and Defence College

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

10:15-11:45

Panel I - Strategic autonomy: from rhetoric to reality

Since 2016 the EU has developed a number of security and defence related initiatives including Permanent Structured Cooperation and the European Defence Fund, plus it has advanced in areas such as hybrid threats, cyber security, civilian CSDP, military mobility, EU-NATO relations and more. But in reality what do these initiatives add for the EU to meet an appropriate level of strategic autonomy? Is the EU closer to a 'Europe that Protects' and what should the main focus areas for 2019 be?

Moderator

Dirk DUBOIS

Director, European Security and Defence College

Speakers

Arnout MOLENAAR

Head of Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, European External Action Service

Sylvia KAINZ-HUBER

Head of Unit I.5/ Defence, DG Grow, European Commission

Jan Joel ANDERSSON

Strategy and Policy Unit, European Defence Agency

11:45-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-13:30

Panel II - Challenges and scenarios for EU security and defence

As the EU approaches the 20-year anniversary of the CSDP, what type of security and defence actor has the EU become and what are the future challenges? What lessons can we learn from missions and operations and how might initiatives such as the Military Planning and Conduct Capability ensure the EU's operational effectiveness in the future? How are the civilian challenges being met through the Civilian Capability Development Plan and the Civilian Compact?

Moderator

Fernando MORENO

Chairman, ESDC Alumni Association and CSDP High-Level Course Alumnus

Speakers

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Nineta POLEMI

Programme Officer, Cybersecurity Technology and Capacity Building Unit, DG CONNECT, European Commission

Antti HAIKIO

Senior Strategic Advisor, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, European External Action Service

Felix Peter HANSEN

Information Management Officer, Military Planning and Conduct Capability, EU Military Staff, European External Action Service

13:30-13:45

Concluding remarks

Dirk DUBOIS

Director, European Security and Defence College

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

13:45-14:30

Networking lunch (hosted by the EU Institute for Security Studies)