

# EUROPE IN DANGER

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## What Next for EU Security and Defence?

An event co-organised by the European External Action Service and the EU Institute for Security Studies.

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25 January 2022, 17:30-19:30, Brussels

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### CONCEPT NOTE

From the return of power politics and zero-sum conflicts to the instrumentalisation of migrants and cyber-attacks, Europe is under threat. The classical distinction between war and peace is diminishing and the European Union faces increased competition, intimidation and coercion. International politics is increasingly transactional, EU values and multilateralism are being challenged, whereas democratic freedoms and international law are questioned. In short, Europe is in danger.

How can the Union operate in such an increasingly competitive strategic environment? How does it avoid 'strategic shrinkage', where it is at risk of being always principled but seldom relevant? The European Union has no choice but to build up its ability to provide security for its citizens, to protect its values and interests and to contribute to international peace and security. If the Union wants dialogue, diplomacy and multilateralism to succeed, it needs to develop both the language and capabilities of power. The Strategic Compass is expected to address these questions.

Looking ahead to 2022 and beyond, Josep Borrell Fontelles, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (HR/VP), will deliver a keynote speech on 25 January 2022 outlining what is at stake for EU security and defence and outlining his political priorities. Following this opening, the HR/VP will engage in a moderated panel discussion.

## PROGRAMME

25 January 2022

17:30-17:40

### INTRODUCTION

Florence GAUB

**Deputy Director, EU Institute for Security Studies**

17:40-18:00

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

**High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission**

18:00-19:25

### PANEL DISCUSSION

*Moderator*

Valentina POP

**Europe Express Editor, Financial Times**

*Speakers*

Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

**High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission**

Nathalie LOISEAU

**Chair, Sub-Committee on Security and Defence, and Member of the European Parliament**

Alexander STUBB

**Professor and Director, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute**

Robert VASS

**Founder and President, GLOBSEC**

19:25-19:30

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

Florence GAUB

**Deputy Director, EU Institute for Security Studies**