

# Contested global commons: a multidimensional issue for the Strategic Compass

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## CONCEPT

To protect its interests and enforce its own positive agenda (security, trade, environment, technological development), the **EU shall strengthen its action to uphold freedom of access to contested domains**. These could be defined as the physical and immaterial common spaces that are subject to unilateral appropriation attempts, gatekeeping and conflictual behaviours. They encompass the traditional maritime and air domains, and, due to fact technological developments, extend now to new ones: outer space and cyberspace. The **hardening strategic competition and the rise of non-state actors** can be observed in these domains, where the international rules-based order is either loose, incomplete or unenforced. A qualitative leap forward in the EU's efforts in this regard is therefore urgently required. **Europeans collectively need to obtain and maintain comparative advantages**, preserving their ability to autonomously access and act in the aforementioned domains.

In this rapidly evolving security context, developing a comprehensive and purposeful approach to the many challenges related to contested spaces, using all relevant instruments, either political, legal or diplomatic (CSDP, sanctions, etc.), is critical in asserting **the Union as a reliable security provider, upholding the multilateral rules-based order, responsible behaviours and international law**.

Through offering a transversal approach to the four work strands of the Strategic Compass, this workshop aims at **fostering a comprehensive reflection on these contested domains, discussing threats and challenges, and putting forward concrete policy orientations** for an enhanced and more ambitious EU strategy.

## PROGRAMME

09:30-09:45

### Welcome address

**Pawel HERCZYNSKI**

Managing Director, CSDP and Crisis Response, European External Action Service

**Gustav LINDSTROM**

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

**Claire RAULIN**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the Political and Security Committee,  
Republic of France

09:45-11:15

### Panel I - The maritime domain

*Speakers*

**José Fernando COSTA PEREIRA**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Political and Security  
Committee, Republic of Portugal

**Mathieu DUCHÂTEL**

Director, Asia Programme, Institut Montaigne

**Hervé HAMELIN**

Counter Admiral and Deputy Director, International Security Affairs, Direction générale des  
relations internationales et de la stratégie (DGRIS)

**Jessica LARSEN**

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies

*Moderator*

**Daniel FIOTT**

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

11:15-11:30

### Break

11:30-13:00

### Panel II – The air domain

*Speakers*

**Filip CORNELIS**

Director, Aviation, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission

**Dominique RIQUET**

MEP, Member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, European Parliament

**Julien SABÉNÉ**

General and Director of the Centre des études stratégiques aérospatiales, Institut de  
Recherche Stratégique de l'École Militaire

**Olivier SCHMITT**

Director of Research and Studies, Institut des hautes études de défense nationale

*Moderator*

**Daniel FIOTT**

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

13:00-14:30

**Lunch break**

14:30-16:00

**Panel III – The space domain**

*Speakers*

**Carine CLAEYS**

Special Envoy for Space and Head of the Space Task Force, European External Action Service

**Augusto GONZALEZ**

Senior Advisor, Development and Innovation, Directorate B, DG Defence Industry and  
Space, European Commission

**Hanna LEHTINEN**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Political and Security Committee,  
Republic of Finland

**Xavier PASCO**

Director, Fondation pour la recherche stratégique

*Moderator*

**Daniel FIOTT**

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

16:00-16:15

**Break**

16:15-17:45

**Panel IV – The cyber domain**

*Speakers*

**Joanneke BALFOORT**

Director, Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service

**Frédéric DOUZET**

Professor and Director of the IFG Lab, Institut Français de Géopolitique

**Erika ELLAMAA-OTS**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Political and Security Committee,  
Republic of Estonia

**Didier TISSEYRE**

General, Head, Cyber Defence Command (COMCYBER), Ministry of the Armed Forces,  
France

*Moderator*

**Daniel FIOTT**

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

17:45-18:00

**Conclusions**

**Philippe BERTOUX**

Director, Security Policy, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Republic of France

**Claire RAULIN**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the Political and Security Committee,  
Republic of France