

Planning for the future of EU defence



Lessons and visions from the Austrian and Romanian Presidencies of the Council of the EU

A seminar co-organised by the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Direction générale des relations internationales et de la stratégie (DGRIS) and the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

21 November 2018 (11:00-16:30), French Ministry for the Armed Forces, Paris



10:30-11:00

Registration and welcome coffee

11:00-11:30

Opening remarks

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Hervé DE BONNAVENTURE

Deputy Director, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces

11:30-13:00

Panel I - Lessons learned from Austria

Looking back over the Austrian presidency of the Council of the EU, what have been the key successes and progress made on the various initiatives on European security and defence that were created in 2016-2017? In what ways are we closer to a 'Europe that Protects'? In particular, what lessons have been made with regard to optimising the European Defence Fund for the post-2020 period?

Moderator

Jörg NEUREUTHER

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

Speakers

Thierry BUTTIN

Policy Officer, DG Grow, European Commission

Johann FRANK

Director, Defence Policy Division, Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence

Olivier SUEUR

Head of UN, EU and NATO Policy Division, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Panel II - Looking forward with Romania

Looking forward to the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, what are the main priority areas for Romania in the area of security and defence in the context of the forthcoming European Parliament elections and the shaping of the Multiannual Financial Framework? How can Romania help lay the ground work for the post-2020 agenda in areas such as EU defence cooperation through PESCO and the EDF, hybrid threats and resilience? How can the EU enhance its ability to act in defence?

Moderator

Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Simona COJOCARU

Director, Defence Policy Division, Romanian National Ministry of Defence

Arnout MOLENAAR

Senior Expert on Defence Policy Matters, European External Action Service

Kristi RAIK

Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45-16:15

Open discussion - enhancing European strategic autonomy

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Jörg NEUREUTHER

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16:15-16:30

Concluding remarks

Olivier LANDOUR

Director European, North American and Multilateral Affairs, DGRIS, French Ministry for the Armed Forces

Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies