

# EUISS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

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## Trajectories for European security and defence

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### Background and concept

2023 marks the 20th anniversary of CSDP missions and operations. It was in January 2003 that the EU launched its first civilian mission – the EU Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina – operationalising the EU's Common Defence and Security Policy. Three months later, on 31 March, the EU launched EUFOR Artemis in the Democratic Republic of Congo, marking its first military operation.

Twenty years on, the EU's profile in the security and defence realm has substantially evolved. Strategic guidance documents, such as the European Security Strategy, the EU Global Strategy and the Strategic Compass have been successively released.

New agencies and supporting structures have been set up, CSDP mission profiles widened, and EU-NATO collaboration enhanced through a series of joint declarations.

Russia's invasion of Crimea in 2014, and the subsequent full-scale invasion of Ukraine in early 2022, marks a new chapter for European security and defence. Newly adopted tools, such as the European Peace Facility, have been leveraged to enable military assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and instruments, such as the European Defence Fund, have been created to strengthen Europe's own rearmament efforts.

Looking ahead, the question remains: where is European security and defence headed? Specifically, what trajectories are possible and which might be most feasible given the rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape – also in a context in which other issues, such as trade and energy, are increasingly securitised?

The 2023 EUISS annual conference aims to examine the future of European security and defence. Key questions likely to be tackled during the day include:

- > What is the state of implementation of the Strategic Compass?
- > How should European security and defence efforts adapt as areas such as climate, migration, food, trade, economics, and access to critical raw materials are increasingly 'securitised'?
- > Is there a need for a third transition within the EU (i.e. in the security realm), following in the footsteps of the green and digital twin transitions?
- > How should the EU shape current and future partnerships to enhance security and defence?

09:30 – 10:00 (anytime during this half hour)

Registration and welcoming coffee

10:00-10:10

## INTRODUCTION

Gustav LINDSTROM

**Director, EUISS**

10:10-11:00

## KEYNOTE OPENING SPEECH

Josep BORRELL

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

11:05-12:30

## PANEL 1: EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE – THE NEXT STEPS

*Key issues include: implementation of the Strategic Compass, new initiatives and strategies, etc.*

*Moderator*

Jan Joel ANDERSSON

**Senior Analyst, EUISS**

*Speakers*

Robert BRIEGER

**Chairman, EU Military Committee**

Charles FRIES

**Deputy Secretary General for Peace, Security and Defence, EEAS**

Diego DE OJEDA GARCIA PARDO

**Head of Unit, External Relations, Secretariat-General, European Commission**

Margarita ŠEŠELGYTĖ

**Director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University**

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-14:45

## PANEL 2: TOWARDS EUROPEAN SECURITY 2.0 – TRAJECTORIES AND PATHS

*Key issues include: securitisation trends – economic security, securing global commons, non-traditional challenges. Are new tools needed? Do we need to prioritise differently among existing challenges and tools?*

*Moderator*

Nad'a KOVALCIKOVA

**Senior Analyst, EUISS**

*Speakers*

Hervé DELPHIN

**Head of Policy Planning and Strategic Foresight, EEAS**

Belén MARTINEZ CARBONELL

**Managing Director, MD-Global, EEAS**

Yana POPKOSTOVA

**Associate Analyst, EUISS**

Nathalie TOCCI

**Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali**

14:45 – 15:00

Coffee break

15:00-16:15

### **PANEL 3: ENGAGING WITH PARTNERS FOR SECURITY AND DEFENCE**

*Key issues include: engagement with international partners, renewing or clarifying existing relationships, and the potential role of flagship projects (e.g. Global Gateway)*

*Moderator*

Gustav LINDSTROM

**Director, EUISS**

*Speakers*

Delphine PRONK

**Chair of Political and Security Committee, Deputy Political Director, EEAS**

Pernille RIEKER

**Head, Centre for European Studies, NUPI**

16:15 – 16:30

**CONCLUSION**

16:30 -

Cocktail