



## IV India-EU Forum

Co-organised by the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), in cooperation with FRIDE

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 October 2012  
Renaissance Brussels Hotel (19 rue du Parnasse, 1050 Brussels)

### Programme

#### Tuesday 23 October

19.00 **Pre-Forum Book Launch**

*'The EU-India partnership: time to go strategic?'*  
(Editors: Luis Peral and Vijay Sakhuja)

(All participants in the Forum are invited. The event will be open to a wider audience of policymakers and researchers in Brussels.)

***Chair:***

Antonio Missiroli, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

***Keynote address:***

Pierre Vimont, Executive Secretary-General, European External Action Service

**Debate**

***Kick-off remarks:***

Rajiv Bhatia, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs

Nalin Surie, Former Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs of India

Christian Wagner, Head of Research Division (Asia), German Institute for International and Security Affairs

20.30 **Buffet dinner**

#### Wednesday 24 October

09.15-09.30 **IV India-EU Forum opening remarks**

Antonio Missiroli, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Rajiv Bhatia, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs

**09.30–11.00 Session 1: Strategic and security issues**

This opening session will examine India's and the EU's respective responses to recent global developments such as the Arab Spring, peace-building in Afghanistan, counter-piracy in the Indian Ocean, and political shifts in the Asia Pacific region, identifying and analysing potential areas for collective action and closer cooperation.

**Moderator** Beata Górká-Winter, International Security Programme Coordinator, Polish Institute of International Affairs

**Panelists** Luis Peral, Senior Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies  
Vijay Sakhuja, Director of Research, Indian Council of World Affairs  
Michael Reiterer, Senior Advisor, Asia and Pacific Department, EEAS

**11.00-11.30 Coffee break**

**11.30–13.00 Session 2: Unconventional/new security and development issues**

Session 2 will explore areas for closer cooperation in new security areas such as climate change and energy security. Development-related issues, ranging from sustainable development to migration and visa issues, as well as the role of education and culture, will also be analysed in order to map possible points of convergence.

**Moderator** Gauri Khandekar, Head of Agora Asia-Europe, FRIDE

**Panelists** Dinoj Kumar Upadhyay, Researcher, Indian Council of World Affairs  
Nalin Surie, Former Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs of India  
Rensje Teerink, Deputy Head of Division (India, Nepal, Bhutan), EEAS  
Christian Wagner, Head of Research Division (Asia), German Institute for International and Security Affairs

**13.00-14.30 Lunch**

**14.30–16.00 Session 3: Global Economic Governance**

This session seeks to provide a platform to discuss important questions surrounding multilateral approaches to global economic issues. An assessment will be made of the work of the G20 so far, the ongoing euro zone crisis and its impact on EU-India relations. Additionally, India-EU trade and economic relations will be discussed, in particular the issue of foreign investment in India and the progress and potential benefits of the EU-India free trade agreement currently under negotiation.

**Moderator** Nicola Casarini, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies

**Panelists** Juha Jokela, Programme Director (European Union), Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)  
Rohit Mehtani, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)  
Jayshree Sengupta, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation  
Andrea Moggi, Senior Policy Coordinator, Global Issues Division, EEAS

**16.00-16.30 Coffee break**

**16.30–17.45    Session 4: Enhancing India-EU Strategic Partnership**

In this final working session of the Forum, the report by coordinators of ICWA-EUISS Forum will be presented and discussed by the panelists. A question and answer session will take place following the presentation in order to establish concluding thoughts and recommendations of how to advance the India-EU strategic partnership.

**Moderators**    Luis Peral, Senior Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies  
Vijay Sakhuja, Director of Research, Indian Council of World Affairs

**Respondents**    Giovanni Grevi, Acting Director, FRIDE  
Ummu Salma Bava, Director, Europe Area Studies Programme, CES, JNU

**17.45-18.00    IV India-EU Forum closing remarks**

Rajiv Bhatia, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs

**18.45**            Transfer by bus from the Renaissance Brussels Hotel to the Indian Embassy (217 Chaussée De Vleurgat, 1050 Brussels)

**19.00            Reception**

***Welcoming remarks:***

Dinkar Khullar, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU