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The European Union Institute for Security Studies is the Union's agency dealing with the analysis of foreign, security and defence policy issues. The Institute was set up in January 2002 as an autonomous agency under the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) [Council Joint Action 2001/554, amended by Council Joint Action 2006/1002] to foster a common security culture for the EU, support the elaboration and projection of its foreign policy, and enrich the strategic debate inside and outside Europe. The Institute's core mission is to provide analyses and fora for discussion that can be of use and relevance to the formulation of EU policy. In carrying out that mission, it also acts as an interface between European experts and decision-makers at all levels.



THE
EUISS
IN 2017

The EUISS maintained a high level of output and activity throughout 2017. The Institute's Senior Analysts continued to provide analysis on CSDP developments, cybersecurity issues, terrorism, energy security, Russia, Asia and the Middle East while expertise gaps on sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America were filled by Associate Analysts. A number of publications and events accompanied crucial developments in the European Union, such as the implementation of the EU Global Strategy (EUGS) and the launch of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PeSCo).

In addition, the EUISS foresight series (launched in 2015) continued with publications on 'African Futures' and 'Chinese Futures', while a set of hypothetical scenarios were presented in the Report entitled 'What if...?'. The EUISS team also published a collectively authored 'Handbook' on European foreign and security policy entitled 'The EU and the world: players and policies post-Lisbon'. The Institute's cooperation with the European Fund for the Balkans (EFB) continued with a new group of researchers arriving at the EUISS in the autumn, launching the new 'Balkan Futures' project to be delivered in 2018.

in addition to publications, the EUISS was active with respect to outreach and events. For example, it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Munich Security Conference to facilitate closer engagement and analytic exchange, and continued to cooperate closely with the European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Commission and EU member states. Examples of cooperation include a high-level conference with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission (HR/VP) Federica Mogherini on the occasion of the launch of PeSCo, as well as co-organised events with the Estonian and Maltese presidencies. As in previous years, EUISS Analysts contributed to the work of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), including the High Level Course. As part of the Institute's framework contract with the European Parliament's External Policies Department, studies were conducted and presented in committee.

These and other activities carried out by the EUISS are described in more detail in this Annual Report, which includes an Annex with a complete list of EUISS publications.

EUISS 2017 BUDGET

- €3,838,435.69 or 77% of total expenditures in 2017 were related to Staff Costs (Chapter 1)
- €89,737.99 or 8% to Operational Activities (Chapter 2)
- €74,686.45 or 15% to Administrative Costs (Chapter 3).

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PER BUDGET CHAPTERS (2015-2017)

BUDGET CHAPTER	2017		2016		2015	
	EUR	%	EUR	%	EUR	%
<i>Chapter 1</i> Staff Costs	3,838,435.69	77	3,929,502.91	76	4,070,443.90	76
<i>Chapter 2</i> Operational Costs	389,737.99	8	453,090.82	9	453,682.53	9
<i>Chapter 3</i> Administrative Costs	774,686.45	15	815,134.24	15	821,140.40	15
Total	5,002,860.13	100	5,197,727.97	100	5,345,266.83	100



PUBLICATIONS

In 2017 the Institute published eight *Reports altogether*: ‘Recasting EU civilian crisis management’, edited by Thierry Tardy (January); ‘Securing the Energy Union: five pillars and five regions’, edited by Gerald Stang (February); ‘Prevention better than cure: the EU’s quiet diplomacy in Asia’, edited by Eva Pejsova and Guy Banim (May); ‘What if ...? Conceivable crises: unpredictable in 2017, unmanageable in 2020?’, edited by Florence Gaub (June); ‘Chinese futures: horizon 2025’, edited by Eva Pejsova (July); ‘Resilience in the Western Balkans’, edited by Sabina Lange, Zoran Nechev and Florian Trauner (August); ‘African futures’, edited by Valérie Arnould and Francesco Strazzari (September); and finally Report no. 38 on ‘Defence industries in Russia and China: players and strategies’, edited by Richard Bitzinger and Nicu Popescu (December).

The EUISS also published three *Chaillot Papers* in the course of the year: ‘Defence industries in Arab states: players and strategies’, co-authored by Florence Gaub and Zoe Stanley-Lockman (March); ‘Permanent Structured Cooperation: what’s in a name?’, jointly authored by Daniel Fiott, Antonio Missiroli and Thierry Tardy (November); and ‘Nobody move! Myths of the EU migration crisis’, by Roderick Parkes (December).

In May, the fifth edition of the *Yearbook of European Security (YES 2017)* was published, with a Preface by HR/VP Mogherini in which she focused on the implementation of the EU Global Strategy and in particular on achieving greater European cooperation on security and defence. The 2017 edition offered a comprehensive picture of the actors, institutions and processes that underpinned the Union’s foreign and security policy and external action in 2016, including a compilation of EU defence-related documents and a timeline highlighting key events relating to European security and defence in 2016.

As part of the expert outreach process to support the EU Global Strategy (EUGS) that was released in June 2016, a book entitled ‘*After the EU Global Strategy: building resilience*’, edited by Florence Gaub and Nicu Popescu, was published and presented at the Institute’s annual conference in June. This book, marking the first anniversary of the Global Strategy, featured contributions from a variety of experts, and explored the central concept of ‘resilience’ in the context of the EUGS.

Finally, an illustrated leaflet, ‘European Security and Defence – The basics’, was published at the end of the year. Featuring a range of data and illustrations that relate to various aspects of EU security and defence, it presents relevant facts and figures in an accessible and visually engaging format.

Shorter *Briefs* and *Alerts* continued to be produced on a weekly basis. In total, 32 *Briefs* and 26 *Alerts* were published over the course of 2017. 5 ‘Security Monthly Stats’ (SMS), illustrating data relevant to the EU’s external action using graphics, were also published.



EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017 the EUISS organised and hosted several high-level events, organised in partnership with the EEAS, the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, respectively.

Shared vision, common action, stronger Europe: is the implementation of the EU Global Strategy meeting expectations?

This event was organised by the EUISS in cooperation with the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU on 27-28 April 2017 in Valletta, Malta. The high-level conference focused on the security and defence aspects of the EUGS and brought together speakers including Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commission for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, and General Mikhaïl Kostarakos, Chairman of the EU Military Committee.



Hybrid threats and the EU – State of play and future progress

On 2 October 2017, the EUISS and the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU organised a high-level conference on hybrid threats. During three panels focusing on the current state of play, cyber resilience and strategic communications, the conference encouraged debate about the efforts made by the EU to counter hybrid threats, the new proposals regarding cybersecurity and how strategic communications can foster European action to counter disinformation, radicalisation and extremism.

HR/VP Federica Mogherini, the European Commission's Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, Jyrki Katainen, and Estonia's Minister of Defence, Jüri Luik, delivered keynote speeches at the conference.





Building on vision, forward to action: Delivering on EU security and defence

On 13 December 2017, the EUISS and the EEAS held a joint conference on EU security and defence.

The panel discussion featured HR/VP Federica Mogherini and Javier Solana, the first High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. The discussion also featured Joschka Fischer, former Foreign Minister and Vice Chancellor of Germany. The event provided an opportunity to reflect on the recent achievements of European defence and the way ahead.

The EUISS Deputy Director, Florence Gaub, introduced the discussion and the Secretary General of the EEAS, Helga Maria Schmid, delivered the closing remarks.



The EUISS Annual Conference

The 15th EUISS Annual Conference entitled ‘The EU Global Strategy: translating vision into action’ took place on 20-21 June in Brussels. The focus of the conference was the implementation of the EUGS, about which the HR/VP released a Report to the 22/23 June European Council.

With over 200 policymakers and experts in attendance, the conference reviewed the different strands of the implementation process – EU security and defence, building resilience in and around Europe, and joining up EU efforts and instruments in dealing with conflicts and crises. The conference also presented an opportunity to take stock of the ever-changing strategic environment in which the EU operates – both regionally and globally.

Sir Julian King, Commissioner for the Security Union, and HR/VP Federica Mogherini delivered keynote speeches.

DIALOGUES AND SEMINARS

AFRICA

Africa's international relations: between foreign actors and external projection

The workshop, jointly organised by the EUISS and Egmont Institute in Brussels on 1 March, brought together experts on Africa's international relations alongside officials from the EU, Belgian and French institutions in order to explore what long-term trends are likely to characterise Africa's evolution in the world. The focus was on both discussing the role of external partners in Africa (in particular the role of emerging powers) and the influence and power of Africa in the world.

ASIA

EUPOL Afghanistan: lessons and best practices

On 16 June, with the support of the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU, the EUISS organised a seminar to analyse a series of issues in relation to the planning, conduct and handover of EUPOL Afghanistan. The seminar convened senior officials from permanent representations, the EU institutions, NATO, and the UN to discuss and identify lessons learned and best practices for future civilian missions.

EU-ROK Strategic Dialogue 2017

The EUISS and the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS) of the Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA) held the 4th EU-ROK Strategic Dialogue on 21 September in Brussels. As in previous years, the Joint Seminar brought together experts and officials to debate security concerns of common interest to Europe and South Korea. Discussions addressed the North Korean problem and its impact on the stability of the Korean Peninsula, prospects for regional integration in Northeast Asia, and the concrete contours of future EU-ROK cooperation in the field of crisis management and global security.

4th EU-ASEAN High-Level Dialogue on Maritime Security Cooperation

The EUISS provided key expertise for the organisation and output of the 4th EU-ASEAN High-Level Dialogue on Maritime Security Cooperation, held in Manila, the Philippines, on 5-6 October 2017. The aim of the Dialogue was to deepen political-security cooperation between the two regions, by identifying concrete, practical initiatives to further ASEAN-EU cooperation in the field of maritime security. The event brought together experts and policy practitioners to discuss issues of common interest related to: (a) law enforcement at sea; (b) crisis prevention; (c) marine environmental security and (d) blue economy.



EUISS expert workshop on building resilience in the Western Balkans

The European Union Global Strategy (EUGS) highlights strengthening state and societal resilience in the southern and eastern neighbouring regions, including the Western Balkans, as one of the guiding principles and priorities of the EU's external action. This expert workshop organised in Brussels on 16 February sought to identify and analyse the various drivers of fragility in the Western Balkans and the kind of responses that may be needed from the EU and/or local actors.



CYBER

Tallinn Manual: international law in cyberspace

On 6 June 2017, the EUISS organised an expert workshop on the key challenges associated with the application of international law in cyberspace. The workshop convened experts in the field of EU cyber diplomacy from the EEAS, as well as the co-editor of the Tallinn Manual.

The EU's approach to cybersecurity capacity-building abroad

The purpose of the consultation was to collect the views of civil society organisations concerning the EU's methodological and operational work in the area of cyber capacity-building. After introductory remarks by the Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan, Tomasz Kozłowski, participants discussed the guiding values and principles of the EU's capacity-building efforts. The event, funded by the EU Commission, was held on the sidelines of the Global Conference on Cyberspace (GCCS) in New Delhi on 22 November.



EU GLOBAL STRATEGY

Resilience: a strategic priority of EU external action

On 29 March in Brussels, the EUISS, the EEAS and the European Policy Centre (EPC) jointly organised a consultation meeting which brought together experts from think tanks as well as from European institutions to explore the concept of resilience in the Global Strategy.

This expert workshop sought to identify and analyse the main conceptual and operational challenges related to the preparation of the Joint Communication, under the authority of the HR/VP Federica Mogherini.

Implementing the EU Global Strategy through an integrated approach to external conflicts and crises

On 31 March 2017, the EUISS held a closed event in Brussels on the ‘Integrated Approach’. This seminar aimed at analysing the Integrated Approach and the opportunities it creates for a more effective EU external action, in particular in conflict prevention and stabilisation.

The EUGS one year on: Challenges to European security – and EU responses

This EUISS event launched two new publications in Brussels on 30 May to mark the first anniversary of the issuance of the EU Global Strategy. With the EUISS ‘Yearbook of European Security’ as the go-to source for facts and figures relevant to the EU and its external action, and ‘After the EUGS: building resilience’ as the third in the series of the EUISS books devoted to the EU Global Strategy and its implementation, policymakers and experts convened on 30 May to both take stock of the previous year’s developments and set the tone for future policy debates.

EU-LATIN AMERICA

EU-LAC: joining forces to address common security and development challenges

This event was held in Brussels on 25 April to take stock of EU-LAC relations in view of the 9th EU-LAC (3rd EU-CELAC) Summit in October. The workshop brought together experts on several topics to provide insights and identify opportunities for increased EU-LAC cooperation. Key topics included the changing political dynamics in the Americas, public security and new cooperation instruments.

MIGRATION/JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

On 26 April, the EUISS and the Institute for European Studies (IES) of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) organised an expert meeting in Brussels to discuss the ‘agencification’ of EU foreign and defence policy. This working lunch brought together a small group of key policymakers and specialised scholars to discuss the upgraded role of EU home affairs agencies in EU foreign and security policy.

On 16 November, the EUISS and the Conflict Research Unit (CRU) of the Clingendael Institute held a closed-door expert meeting in Brussels to discuss migration-related development policies in the Sahel region.

On 13 December, as part of a joint research project on geopolitics and border management at the EU’s external border, the EUISS and the European Policy Centre (EPC) held the first of three roundtables in Brussels. The roundtable brought together experts and officials to debate on border management and foreign policy in the Central Mediterranean.

SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Towards a more strategic approach to CSDP cooperation with partner countries

On 12 December, in cooperation with the EEAS/CMDP1, the EUISS organised in Brussels an informal workshop which aimed to identify priorities and practical recommendations for the implementation of the Council Conclusions on strengthening CSDP cooperation with partner countries. The focus of this workshop was on two main

questions: (a) how to broaden the scope of CSDP cooperation with partner countries; and (b) how to facilitate partners' participation in CSDP missions and operations.

To protect and serve? EU security and defence in action

On 27 November 2017, the EUISS hosted in Brussels a launch event for the recently published *Chaillot Paper* 'Permanent Structured Cooperation: What's in a name?'. The launch event provided a forum for senior policymakers from EU institutions and representatives from the Political and Security Committee to share their thoughts with think tank and academic representatives on PeSCo and the range of security and defence initiatives launched by the EU since the publication of the EU Global Strategy. The Deputy Secretary General for CSDP and Crisis Response at the EEAS, Pedro Serrano, and Special Adviser to HR/VP Mogherini, Nathalie Tocci, delivered keynote speeches.



SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURHOOD

Security Sector Reform in the southern Neighbourhood

The seminar organised on 19 May in Brussels by the EUISS with the support of the IEMed and EuroMeSCo, and in cooperation with the European Commission, brought together practitioners from the field and EU institutions to discuss a more tailored approach to Security Sector Reform (SSR) in the EU's south. Participants looked at challenges in the fields of criminal justice, policing, border control, and counter-terrorism.



RUSSIA AND THE EASTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD

Building resilience in the EU's neighbouring and surrounding regions

On 8 March, the EUISS and DG NEAR jointly organised a seminar which brought together experts from Europe's Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods, as well as European institutions to explore the challenges and opportunities in building resilience in the EU's surrounding regions. The sessions were devoted to institutional and energy resilience in the East, state and societal resilience in the South and security sector reform in both regions.

The Sino-Russian eastern partnership: implications for Europe

On 3 May, a roundtable discussion in Brussels examined the concept of a newly emerging partnership between Russia and China, as explored in the EUISS *Chaillot Paper* 'China and Russia: an Eastern partnership in the making?' by Nicu Popescu and Michal Makocki. Speakers identified certain areas of *rapprochement* between the two countries, but overall concluded that these are outweighed by their divergences, and that no actual new eastern partnership has yet emerged.

Third EU-Russia Forum

On 3 May, the 3rd EU-Russia Forum was co-hosted by the EUISS and supported by the EEAS. The forum convened senior officials and experts from across Europe, Russia and the United States to evaluate the current state of EU-Russia relations and propose ways forward.

TASK FORCES

CHINESE FUTURES

A photograph showing three individuals in a meeting. On the left, a woman with short grey hair is looking down. In the center, a woman with dark hair is gesturing with her right hand while speaking. On the right, a man in a suit and tie is looking towards the center. The background is a blurred office or meeting room with warm lighting.

Second meeting of the Task Force on Chinese Futures

On 15 February, the second meeting of the Chinese Futures Task Force looked into the drivers of China's foreign and security policy in Asia. The group focused on the main trends and priorities shaping Beijing's regional positioning, identifying the importance of sovereignty, its deployment of a 'charm offensive' *vis-à-vis* its neighbourhood, and the role of big power relations as the likely constants in China's strategic calculus and future orientation.

Third meeting of the Task Force on Chinese Futures

On 28 March, the third and final meeting of the Chinese Futures Task Force focused on China as a global actor. The meeting gathered experts and relevant EU officials to discuss the possible future contours of China's engagement within the international system, namely its interactions with other global powers, its role in global governance, and the future of EU-China relations.



CYBER CAPACITY-BUILDING

In June 2017 the EUISS established a partnership with the European Commission (Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development) aimed at promoting a strategic approach and understanding of cyber capacity-building among EU stakeholders. The main objective of this one-year project is to take stock of the EU's current approaches to cyber policy and its related dimensions and translate this into operational guidance for any EU external cyber capacity-building action. To support the implementation of this project, the EUISS has established the Cyber Capacity-Building Task Force composed of five experts in the field of cybersecurity, human rights, intelligence, internet governance, cybercrime, resilience and development. Throughout the year, the Task Force organised several stakeholder consultation events that fed into the drafting of operational guidelines for cyber capacity-building abroad. This project is a service contract funded by the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP).

NETWORKS

Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific

In 2017, the EUISS, in its capacity of a coordinator of the EU Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP-EU), ensured European representation in the following meetings:

DATE	CITY	DESCRIPTION
2-3 March	Singapore	CSCAP Retreat to review the Regional Security Order and Architecture
5-7 March	Auckland	3rd meeting of the Study Group on Non-proliferation and disarmament (NPD) in the Asia-Pacific
5 April	Semarang, Indonesia	CSCAP Cybersecurity Workshop
18-19 May	Kuala Lumpur	2nd meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Enhancing Contributions from Asia Pacific Countries to UN Peacekeeping Operations
24-25 May	Kuala Lumpur	47th CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting
19-21 November	Siem Reap, Cambodia	3rd meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on 'Enhancing Contributions from Asia Pacific Countries to UN Peacekeeping Operations'
12-15 December	Chiang Mai, Thailand	48th CSCAP Steering Committee meeting, followed by the 11th CSCAP General conference

EU Cyber Direct

EU CYBER DIRECT is a three-year-long project aimed at supporting the EU's engagements on EU cyber diplomacy and resilience with six strategic partners: Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea and the United States. The project promotes the EU's vision of an open, free and secure cyberspace through the promotion of rules-based cyber-behaviour and increased cyber resilience. Through a mix of policy support, research, and outreach activities with selected stakeholders (policymakers, experts, CSOs, and the private sector) coupled with peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and engagement, EU CYBER DIRECT aims to achieve greater convergence between the policies of the EU and targeted countries. Through research, policy analysis and outreach in partner countries and regions, the project aims to support effective policy engagement in four major areas: the application of the existing international law to cyberspace; norms, rules and principles of responsible state behaviour; confidence-building measures; and resilience. The project is implemented by the EU Institute for Security Studies, in partnership with the German Marshall Fund of the United States and Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, and in cooperation with numerous governmental and non-governmental bodies in partner countries. EU Cyber Direct is funded by the European Commission under the Partnership Instrument, International Digital Cooperation project: Trust and Security in Cyberspace.

European Security and Defence College

ESDC Alumni Seminar 2017

On 23 and 24 February, the ESDC and the EUISS co-hosted the ESDC Annual Alumni Conference in Brussels. On the first day, General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman of the EU Military Committee, opened the conference with a keynote address. On the second day, the conference first looked at EU security developments from a broad international angle, as well as from a Brussels perspective, before a final panel, composed of alumni of past ESDC courses, provided insights about ongoing CSDP operations and missions. This was the third time that the ESDC and EUISS cooperated in organising and hosting this event.

The EUISS was also represented at the following ESDC events:

DATE	CITY	DESCRIPTION
24 January	Brussels	ESDC Course examining how the 'EUISS fits into the CSDP supporting structures'
26 January	Brussels	'The future of CSDP' at the CSDP Orientation Course organised by the ESDC and the Austrian/Lithuanian Ministries of Foreign Affairs
22 February	Brussels	ESDC Executive Academic Board meeting
26-28 March	Madrid	ESDC Orientation Course on the 'EU Global Strategy'
25 April	Brussels	ESDC Course on 'EU Crisis Management: Achievements and Limitations'
24-25 April	Budapest	ESDC Training Course on 'Cybersecurity'
9 May	Rome	ESDC Course on 'Success factors and weakness of the different peacekeeping models. A critical analysis'
18 May	Brussels	ESDC/Romanian National Defence College course - panel on 'EU-NATO military capability development'
29-30 May	Vienna	ESDC High-Level Course Fourth Module
2 June	Vienna	ESDC High Level Course 2016-2017 'Anna Lindh' - Module 4 'The future of CSDP - CSDP in Neighbouring Regions' organised by the Austrian National Defence Academy
10 July	Brussels	ESDC Course on 'Strategic Planning for Civilian Missions'
7 September	Brussels	ESDC Executive Academic Board meeting
14-15 September	Brussels	ESDC Orientation Course on 'Cyber diplomacy - Hybrid Threats - Future of the CSDP'
27-28 September	Brussels	ESDC High Level Course - panel on 'Brexit' on 'Civilian Crisis Management'
7 December	London	ESDC High Level Course Module 2 organised by the UK Defence Academy

EFB Fellowships

Following on the successful 'pilot' experience undertaken with the first Fellowship in 2016/17, a new agreement for the academic year 2017/18 was signed by the European Fund for the Balkans (EFB) and the EUISS in April 2017. The Fellowship programme offers young/mid-career academics and/or officials from the Western Balkans an op-

portunity to familiarise themselves with the activities of an EU Agency like the EUISS, to interact with analysts covering a wide spectrum of foreign and security policy issues, and to contribute to their work and enrich their approach.

Marko Čeperković (September 2017), Donika Emini (October 2017) and Isidora Stakić (November 2017) joined the EUISS Team for the 2017/18 academic year.

Munich Security Conference

On 16 November 2017, the EUISS and the Munich Security Conference (MSC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The MSC is a major global forum for the discussion of security policy and it regularly holds high-profile events and publishes major reports.

The Memorandum of Understanding cements the partnership between the two organisations and it aims to provide a basis for future collaboration centred around the organisation of joint events, shared expertise and dialogue and possible joint publications. Taking into account the relevant responsibilities and added-value of each organisation, the partners are beginning their collaboration with an official side-event at the Munich Security Conference 2018 focusing on strategic foresight and the recently published EUISS ‘What If...?’ Report.



BRUSSELS LIAISON OFFICE

In 2017, the EUISS further strengthened its presence in Brussels. With the recruitment of new members of staff – a Brussels Executive Officer and Data Visualisation Designer – and following the move of the Public Information Officer from the Paris headquarters to Brussels, the EUISS Liaison Office combines currently three main functions as: a support and service provider, Brussels-based research arm, and outreach and communication hub of the EUISS.

SUPPORT AND SERVICE PROVIDER

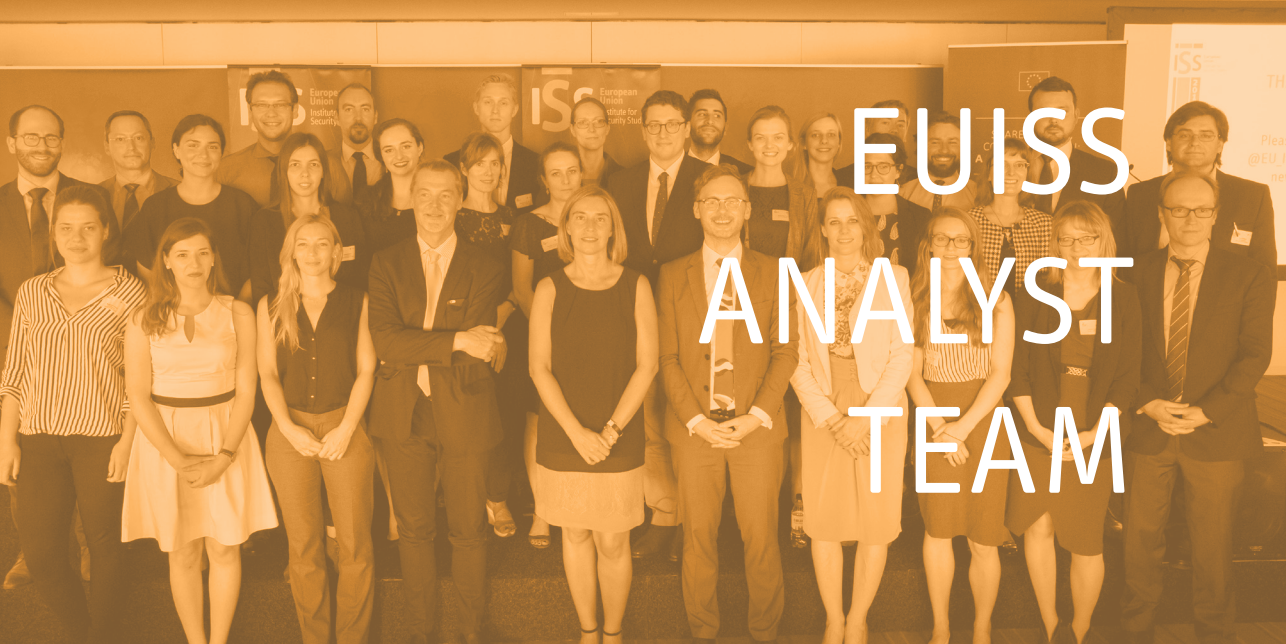
The most important goal of the Brussels Liaison Office (BLO) is first and foremost to support and provide services to the whole EUISS community and its stakeholders. In 2017, the BLO assisted the Director and Senior Analysts with the organisation of over 30 events in Brussels, including those in partnership with the EEAS, the European Commission and other partner think tanks and research institutes both from Brussels and elsewhere. In addition, the BLO continued to provide other services such as establishing and maintaining relations with Brussels-based stakeholders, communication and management of the online content, and streamlining the Institute’s visual identity.

ANALYTICAL ARM FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

With two colleagues combining administrative and analytical functions, the EUISS has also strengthened its research presence in Brussels, in particular in the areas of defence, hybrid threats, and cyber-related issues. A small team of Junior Analysts on short-term assignments for specific projects further enhanced this capacity. In 2017, the analytical strength of the EUISS was acknowledged through two external grants from the European Commission and the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments for cyber projects focused on cyber capacity-building in partner countries and cyber diplomacy.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION HUB

Throughout 2017 the Liaison Office continued to increase the Institute’s visibility in Brussels. This objective was pursued through the organisation of several high-level events in cooperation with the Estonian Presidency of the Council and the EEAS. The 2017 Annual Conference of the EUISS was also organised in Brussels. High-level participants to these events included, among others, Federica Mogherini (High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission), Jyrki Katainen (Vice-President of the European Commission), Julian King (Commissioner for the Security Union), Jüri Luik (Minister of Defence, Estonia), and Javier Solana (Former High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy).



EUISS ANALYST TEAM

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- Florence Gaub
- Roderick Parkes
- Eva Pejsova
- Nicu Popescu
- Thierry Tardy

Brussels-based Analysts

- Daniel Fiott
- Patryk Pawlak



ANNEX

LIST OF EUISS PUBLICATIONS

Alerts

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2	February	Florian Trauner	The EU visa suspension mechanism
3	February	Michaela Šimáková	Women in peacebuilding: the EU & others
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5	March	Nicu Popescu	No Trump cards for Moscow
6	March	Erika Balsyte	Armenia: Russia first, EU second?
7	March	Anaïs Marin	Azerbaijan: drifts and shifts
8	April	Roderick Parkes	Out of Syria: shifting routes and returns
9	April	Erwin van Veen	Unrest in Ethiopia: plus ça change?
10	April	Daniel Fiott	The CARD on the EU defence table
11	April	Daniel Fiott	Funding EU defence cooperation
12	May	Julia Lisiecka	Israeli-Palestinian security cooperation: what next?
13	May	Patryk Pawlak	Cyber security woes: WannaCry?
14	May	Michele Dos Ramos	Citizen security in Latin America
15	May	Joana Castro Pereira	Low carbon development in Latin America
16	May	Gerald Stang	Haiti: what resilience for the least resilient
17	June	Tzveta Dryanovska	Illiberalism in the Western Balkans?
18	June	Alice Vervaeke	Gulf of Guinea: pirates and other tales
19	June	Aleksandra Tor	Africa goes digital: where and how?
20	June	Erwin van Veen	Burundi blues: the road to violence & back
21	July	Lorena Ruano	Cuba and Trump: the power of symbols
22	July	Michal Makocki, Zoran Nechev	Balkan corruption: the China connection
23	July	Ramon Pacheco Pardo	DPRK: game, reset and match?
24	September	Daniel Fiott	The cybridisation of EU defence
25	September	Jakob Bund, Patryk Pawlak	Minilateralism and norms in cyberspace
26	November	Patryk Pawlak	Building capacities for cyber defence

Briefs

#	DATE	AUTHOR	TITLE
1	January	Daniel Fiott	European defence: the year ahead

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2	February	Annelies Pauwels, Roderick Parkes	The refugee-development nexus
3	February	Plamen Tonchev	China's Road: into the Western Balkans
4	February	Michal Makocki	China's Road: into Eastern Europe
5	February	Thierry Tardy	The EU: from comprehensive vision to integrated action
6	March	Annelies Pauwels	Preventing terrorism in the south
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9	April	Roderick Parkes, Annelies Pauwels	The EU migration crisis – Getting the numbers right
10	April	Florence Gaub, Julia Lisiecka	The crime-terrorism nexus
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14	April	Andrea Gilli, Mauro Gilli	European defence cooperation in the second machine age
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18	June	Zoran Nechev, Aleksandrs Svilans	Western Balkans: more resilience for the energy sector
19	June	Florian Trauner, Zoran Nechev	Fostering resilience in the Western Balkans
20	June	Jelena Beslin, Marija Ignjatijevic	Balkan foreign fighters: from Syria to Ukraine
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22	July	Thierry Tardy	EUPOL Afghanistan 2007/16: Mission impossible?
23	July	Patryk Pawlak	A Wild Wild Web? Law, norms, crime and politics in cyberspace
24	July	Erica Moret, Patryk Pawlak	The EU Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox: towards a cyber sanctions regime?
25	October	Florence Gaub	Arab wars: calculating the costs
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34	June	Florence Gaub	What if ... Conceivable crises: unpredictable in 2017, unmanageable in 2020?
35	July	Eva Pejsova	Chinese futures: horizon 2025
36	September	Sabina Kajnič Lange, Zoran Nechev, Florian Trauner	Resilience in the Western Balkans
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29 June	Jorien van de Mortel	Food insecurity: between past and present
13 September	Nicu Popescu, Tzveta Dryanovska	Eastern neighbours, contested spaces

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Conferences and seminars

EUISS events

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18 January	Brussels	African Futures – 2nd management meeting of the EUISS research project African Futures
6 February	Brussels	Informal lunch on building resilience
15 February	Paris	Chinese Futures: Horizon 2025 – 2nd Task Force Meeting: ‘China’s Regional Positioning’
16 February	Brussels	‘Building resilience in the Western Balkans’: workshop
22 March	Paris	African Futures – Horizon 2025. ‘African security: between fragility and resilience’: workshop
28 March	Brussels	Chinese Futures: Horizon 2025 – 3rd Task Force meeting: ‘China as Global Actor’
31 March	Brussels	‘Implementing the EU Global Strategy through an integrated approach to external conflicts and crises’: seminar
24-25 April	Brussels	‘EU-LAC: joining forces to address common security and development challenges experts’: workshop
3 May	Brussels	‘The Sino-Russian Eastern Partnership: Implications for Europe’: roundtable discussion
6 May	Brussels	Annual EU Open Day
11 May	Brussels	‘Avoidable crises: unpredictable in 2017, unmanageable in 2020?’: workshop
30 May	Brussels	‘The EUGS one year on: challenges to European security – and EU responses’: roundtable discussion
1 June	Brussels	‘Avoidable crises: unpredictable in 2017, unmanageable in 2020?’

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6 June	Brussels	Tallinn Manual: international law in cyberspace: expert workshop
16 June	Brussels	'EUPOL Afghanistan: lessons and best practices': conference organised by the EUISS with the support of the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU
20-21 June	Brussels	EUISS Annual Conference: 'The EU Global Strategy – Translating vision into action'
30 June	Brussels	EU-NATO Maritime Lessons Learned: seminar
4 October	Brussels	'Cyber Capacity-Building in the EU – Policy and Practice' – 1st workshop of the EUISS Cyber Capacity-Building Task Force in the framework of the contract IFS
7 November	Brussels	'PeSCo: What is in a name?': workshop
27 November	Brussels	'To protect and to serve? EU security and defence in action': expert meeting
8 December	Brussels	'Reflecting on the EU's approach to cybersecurity capacity-building abroad – Towards operational guidelines': project implemented by the EUISS, funded by the European Union

Collaborative events

DATE	CITY	DESCRIPTION
23-24 February	Brussels	ESDC Alumni Seminar co-organised by the ESDC, EUISS and Egmont Institute
1 March	Brussels	'Africa's international relations: between foreign actors and external projection': workshop organised by the Egmont Institute and the EUISS
6-7 March	Helsinki	'In from the cold: Europe confronting hybrid threats and building resilience': conference organised by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), the EUISS and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
8 March	Brussels	'Building resilience in the EU's neighbouring and surrounding regions': seminar organised by the EUISS and DG NEAR, European Commission
28-29 March	Bucharest	'Building resilience in the Black Sea region. supporting the implementation of the EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy': conference organised by the New Strategy Center, EUGS, the EUISS and IDR (Institutul Diplomatic Român)
29 March	Brussels	'Resilience: a strategic priority of EU external action. Before the adoption of a Joint Communication. Under the authority of the HR/VP' – A consultation with think tanks event organised by the EUISS, EEAS and the EPC
4 April	Rabat	A joint EUISS – OCP Policy Center Conference 'EU-Africa Strategic Dialogue'
26 April	Brussels	Working lunch jointly organised by the IES of the VUB and the EUISS: 'The 'agencification' of EU foreign and defence policy: what role for the EU home affairs agencies abroad?'
27-28 April	Valletta	'Shared vision, common action, stronger Europe – Is the implementation of the EU Global Strategy meeting expectations?': conference organised by the Maltese EU Presidency and the EUISS
3 May	Brussels	EU-Russia forum: event organised by Carnegie Europe, co-hosted for the third time by the EUISS and supported by the EEAS
10-11 May	Brussels	'Future of Democracy in Africa: Trends in state-society relations': workshop organised by the Open Society European Policy Institute with the participation of the EUISS, in the framework of the EUISS 'African Futures' project
19 May	Brussels	'Security Sector Reform in the Southern Neighbourhood': seminar organised by the EUISS with the support of the IEMed and EuroMeSCo

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19-20 May	Iasi	EURINT 2017 – ‘The EU at a crossroads: building resilience in times of change’: organised by the Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi and the EUISS
29 May - 2 June	Vienna	12th ESDC High Level Course 2016/2017 ‘Anna Lindh’ Module 4 – ‘The Future of CSDP – CSDP in the neighbouring regions’: event organised by the ESDC, the Austrian National Defence Academy and the EUISS
7-8 June	Brussels	‘Sino-Russian relations in the era of the new American Administration’: informal policy planners’ meeting organised by the EEAS and the EUISS
29-30 June	Pretoria	AU-Africa Strategic Dialogue: workshop organised by the EUISS and ISS Institute for Security Studies (South Africa) and funded by the Robert Bosch Foundation
21 September	Brussels	EU-ROK Strategic Dialogue: seminar organised by the Korea National Diplomatic Academy and the EUISS
2 October	Brussels	‘Hybrid threats and the EU – State of play and future progress’: conference organised by the Estonian Presidency and the EUISS
8-10 November	Stockholm	EU-DPRK Expert Dialogue – ‘Peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula’: co-organised by the ISDP and the EUISS
16 November	Brussels	‘Migration-related development policy in the Sahel’: informal expert discussion hosted by the EUISS and organised in cooperation with the Clingendael Institute
22 November	New Delhi	‘The EU’s approach to cybersecurity capacity-building abroad’: consultation with civil society project implemented by the EUISS, The Centre for Internet & Society, and the Delegation of the EU to India and Bhutan
7 December	Brussels	‘African Futures: Horizon 2025’: expert meeting co-organised by the EUISS and the Egmont Institute
12 December	Brussels	‘Towards a more strategic approach to CSDP cooperation with partner countries’: organised in cooperation with the EEAS/CMPD
13 December	Brussels	‘Building on vision, forward to action: Delivering on EU security and defence conference’: seminar organised by the EEAS and the EUISS
15 December	Paris	‘Global Turkey in Europe – Modernising the Customs Union: A key to reinvigorate a rules-based EU-Turkey relationship?’: seminar organised by Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), EUISS, the Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and the Stiftung Mercator
18 December	Skopje	‘Resilience in the Western Balkans’: conference organised by the EUISS, the Institute for Democracy ‘Societas Civilis’ (IDSCS), and The Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG)