

Keeping up the momentum on European defence

Looking back and moving forward with the Bulgarian and Austrian presidencies

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

13 June 2018 (11:00-16:30), 'Access Balard', Amphitheatre No1 (Room o.D.455), French Ministry for the Armed Forces, 60 boulevard du Général Martial Valin, 75509, Paris Cedex 15.

10:30-11:00

[Registration and welcome coffee](#)

11:00-11:30

[Opening remarks](#)

Dr Gustav LINDSTROM

Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

Olivier LANDOUR

Director, Department for Europe, North America and Multilateral Affairs, DGRIS

11:30-13:00

[Panel 1: Lessons learned from Bulgaria](#)

Looking back over the Bulgarian 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? During its efforts to support EU efforts on security and defence, what are the major lessons learned and what areas does the Bulgarian presidency see as particularly important for the coming months and years? In particular, what has been learned about initiatives such as Permanent Structured Cooperation, the European Defence Fund and the Coordinated Annual Review on Defence? What reflections have been made on recent ideas such as the 'European Intervention Initiative'?

Moderator

Dr Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Yordan BOZHILOV

President, Sofia Security Forum

Rossitsa DIMITROVA

Director, Defence Policy Directorate, Bulgarian Ministry of Defence

Jacques FRADIN

Head of Division, Crisis Management and Planning Division, European External Action Service

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Panel 2: The vision from Austria

Looking forward to the Austrian presidency of the Council of the EU, what are the main priority areas for Austria in the area of security and defence? What level of continuity with the Bulgarian presidency is to be expected? What is Austria's thinking with regard to PESCO, EDF and CARD and what are its major preferences with regard to civilian CSDP? In what ways will Austria address EU-NATO related issues during its presidency and how does it plan to engage with the various initiatives being proposed both inside and outside of an EU context?

Moderator

Colonel Jörg NEUREUTHER

German Exchange Officer, Section for European Union Affairs, DGRIS

Speakers

Olivier BEL

Section Head, Section for European Union Affairs, DGRIS

Ulrike BUTSCHEK

Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Head of Mission, Austrian Embassy to France

Petra PAMINGER

Expert, Defence Policy Division, Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence

Michael SIMM

Head, Strategy and Policy Planning Unit, European Defence Agency

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45-16:15

Open discussion

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16:15-16:30

Concluding remarks

Vice-Admiral Hervé DE BONNAVENTURE

Deputy Director General, Direction générale des relations internationales et de la stratégie, DGRIS

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