

## **Implementing the EU Global Strategy through an Integrated Approach to External Conflicts and Crises**

A seminar organised by the EU Institute for Security Studies

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Scotland House (Rond-point Robert Schuman 6 - Brussels)

The need to coordinate the various entities and policies of the EU in the field of security and development has been acknowledged since the very beginning of the Union's aspiration to play a role in world politics.

With the Joint Communication on the 'EU's comprehensive approach to external conflict and crises' in 2013, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR/VP) and the European Commission laid the foundations of a joined-up policy to more effectively respond to the causes and manifestations of instability.

The 2016 EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy seeks to move this forward by introducing the concept of an 'integrated approach to conflicts and crises'. The Integrated Approach has since become one of the Strategy's follow-up work strands (together with security and defence, resilience, the internal-external security nexus, updating existing strategies and public diplomacy).

The Seminar aims at analysing the Integrated Approach and the opportunities it creates for a more effective EU external action, in particular in Conflict Prevention and Stabilisation.

### **09:00      Opening remarks**

Antonio Missiroli, Director, EUISS

### **09:15-10:00      An integrated Approach to External Conflicts and Crises**

#### **Opening statements by:**

**Speakers** Pedro Serrano, Deputy Secretary General for CSDP and Crisis Response, EEAS  
Nathalie Tocci, Special Advisor to the HR/VP

## 10:00-11:15 Panel 1: An Integrated Approach to Conflict Prevention

- How to operationalise the Integrated Approach in Conflict Prevention?
- How can the Integrated Approach improve the effectiveness and visibility of EU Conflict Prevention activities?
- How can EU Conflict Prevention activities be better linked with the work of other international organizations (like the UN) and civil society, both at the international and local level?
- How can integration contribute to conflict sensitivity, strengthen early warning and promote early action?

**Chair** Manuela Cabral, Head of Unit 'Fragility and Resilience', DG DEVCO, European Commission

**Speakers** René van Nes, Deputy Head, PRISM, EEAS  
Rory Keane, Head, UNLOPS, Brussels  
Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Executive Director, EPLO  
Giacomo Durazzo, Adviser - Sustainable Development (Security-Development nexus), EEAS

## 11:15-11:45 Coffee break

## 11:45-13:15 Panel 2: An Integrated Approach to Stabilisation

- What is stabilisation?
- What are the components of an EU stabilisation policy?
- How can the EU stabilisation agenda draw on member states' approaches and experience?
- How can stabilisation policies better factor in local needs?
- How to fill the gap between flexible short term engagements and substantial long term actions?

**Chair** Stefano Tomat, Head of PRISM, EEAS

**Speakers** Arnout Molenaar, Head of the Coordination Division, CMPD, EEAS  
Christian Jetzlsperger, Stabilisation Unit, Germany  
Mark Bryson-Richardson, Director, Stabilisation Unit, UK

## 13:15 Concluding Remarks

Thierry Tardy, Senior Analyst, EUISS

## 13:30 Sandwich Lunch