



European Security Round Table



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European Security Forum

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Brussels

This November, a network of partners including the European Security Round Table, the Kangaroo Group, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique will set up the European Security Forum. Chaired by **MEP Michael Gahler**, this new conference format is designed to explicitly reflect the increasing importance of the Common Security and Defence Policy and to create an impact beyond the Brussels Community by targeting national decision makers.



*MEP Michael Gahler,
Conference President of the European Security Forum 2014*



Pierre Vimont at ESRTs and KAS Annual Conference 2012

Content wise, the conference will include three main parts, discussing 1) The further development of CSDP in view to the Council in June 2015; 2) The future of the European Defence Industry and 3) Europe's response to new foreign and security policy challenges. Since the NATO Summit will be held in November as well, it will be a very timely moment to have a substantial discussion on those matters.



More concrete information on the European Security Forum will be provided soon. To stay informed on this project, also check regularly ESRT's new website.

Organizing Network:



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New ESRT Websites



We are pleased to announce you the launch of our two new websites for the Security & Defence (ESRT) platform and the Cyber Security (eSRT) branch:

www.security-round-table.eu

www.e-srt.eu

From now on, you will have access to the information you need about our recent & upcoming events and about our main activities. You will also find details about the respective platforms, our tailored seminars, our Premium information service and our partners.

Please feel free to send us your feedbacks, partnership proposals and key information that we could share on this webpage.

You can follow us!





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Ukraine as a “Game Changer”

In the light of the annexation of Crimea and the crisis provoked by Russia in Eastern Ukraine, the security environment in Europe has changed completely. The probability of a conventional attack in Europe, appreciated as very low, if not inexistent at all by both the European Security Strategy and NATO’s New Strategic Concept, has risen sharply in the matter of days. Consequently, the European security system based on the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter and the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe has been dealt a powerful blow, even if some of us, primarily for mercantile reasons, prefer to ignore it.

If the decisions of the EU December Council on defence were motivated primarily by the negative social consequences and the erosion of technological edge provoked by the continuous deterioration of European defence industry, would have now to consider the defence of the continent, too. In turn, if the NATO summit in September 2014 was initially supposed to find new ways to maintain the combat readiness of the Allied forces after Afghanistan, now the entire organization has to reconfirm its main *raison d’être*, namely the collective defence of its members and the preservation of peace and stability on the continent (not to speak of our immediate neighbourhood).

If, in December 2013, the need was to make the case that “defence matters”, now it is imperative to prove it! The luxury of slashing the defence budgets every time there was a need for some extra money, accompanied by populist talk that there is no threat to security has vanished over night (provided one speaks of real statesmen).

Gone too is the luxury of having enough time to re-educate the public that defence has to be strengthened. As the annexation of Crimea has demonstrated, the worsening of the situation could happen practically overnight.

Naturally, under the circumstances, the decisions taken in December 2013 have to be expedited and, if need be, enlarged in scope. Then, the EU should seriously evaluate the implications of the mutual assistance clause of the TEU Treaty and strengthen its cooperation with NATO. That would imply evaluating seriously how the two organizations can have access to each other’s capabilities respectively. Most important, the EU members of NATO – but not only them – should make real efforts to increase their defence spending to the level of 2% of their GDP requested by NATO. Monitoring other areas of potential threat and establishing partnerships with reliable countries in those areas should continue unabated.

All these measures – far from exhaustive – would indicate that both the EU and NATO are aware of their responsibility to maintain peace and stability in Europe, the core of the current international system. If not preserved there, how can they be everywhere else?



Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and former Defence Minister of Romania

New Partnership:



The ESRT is delighted to announce the establishment of a new partnership with the **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA)**. After a successful seminar in September 2013, the two partners will work particular together in the fields of defence and Cyber Security.

<http://www.afcea.org/europe/>



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The European Union Maritime Security Strategy



Panel discussion on Criminal activities at the seas—14.05. at the Representation of the State of Lower Saxony



“The EU is a global actor, a very important maritime power, and as such it has a global responsibility for sound ocean governance”

EU Commissioner Damanaki during her speech at ESRTs Maritime Security Conference, 14.05.2014

After a joint communication from the European Commission and the HR/VP on 06 March outlining central elements, the EU Maritime Security Strategy was finally adopted by the Council on 24 June. During the hot phase of the Council negotiations in May, the European Security Round Table set up a conference with the Presidency to provide some valuable input for the discussions and to keep up the momentum.

The conference “The path towards a comprehensive and effective EU Maritime Security Strategy” was held on 14 May at the Representation of Lower Saxony. Around 80 participants from Member State Representations, the Commission, NATO, Think Tanks and the private Sector discussed the issue of Maritime Security in the context of CSDP, Critical Maritime Infrastructure Protection, Maritime Surveillance and how to fight criminal activities at the seas.

In addition to a keynote delivered by **EU Commissioner Damanaki**, the EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa, **Alexander Rondos** briefed the audience on the situation and the maritime challenges in the region while **Ambassador Alexandra Papadopoulou**, Director General for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic commented on Greece’s position on the strategy.

During his closing remarks, the **Italian PSC Ambassador Alessandro Cortese**, representing the upcoming presidency, confirmed that the implementation of the strategy will be one of the top priorities of the Presidency. Following this direction, the European Security Round Table will continue to follow this issue.

The future of EU-Russia relations



At the beginning of this year with the protests at Maidan already taking place, still nobody would have expected the dynamic of the events as they unfolded until today. The annexation of Crimea by Russia, followed by Western sanctions, the abolishment of Russia’s G8 membership and the further destabilization of Eastern Ukraine fundamentally questioned the security architecture in Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall. But what will be the long term consequences for European Security policy and what does this mean for CSDP, for the future role of NATO and for the transatlantic partnership?

The European Security Round Table addressed this issue already during the last months: On February 18, at the climax of the Maidan protests, a high level discussion between Russian EU **Ambassador Vladimir Chizhov** and **MEP Elmar Brok**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the EP was organized in cooperation with the Hanns Seidel Foundation. Furthermore, in April, ESRT brought together a selected group of Think



Tankers and Diplomats at the European Parliament for a discussion on the strategic consequences of the current crisis. During the 2nd half of 2014, ESRT will continue to accompany those discussions, especially during the **European Security Forum** in November which will be held shortly after the NATO summit.



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EU Migration and Asylum Policy



Asylum and migration are issues which make lack of a common European policy apparent. Asylum, emigration and immigration remain mostly under the competence of the member states, as they are considered an issue of national sovereignty and mostly approached from a security perspective. There is a desperate need for progress towards a common asylum and legal migration policy. At an event organized by the European Security Round Table in cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, the future of European Migration and Asylum Policy was discussed at the Representation of the State of Saxony Anhalt.

The conference was opened by Saxony Anhalts Minister of the Interior **Holger Stahlknecht** who underlined the historic dimension of immigration in the region and described policy challenges faced by a local government in the central European region. In her following keynote EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, **Cecilia Malmström** painted a contrasted picture of the EU's asylum and migration policy. On a positive note, the European Asylum System provides asylum seekers in Europe with equal rights and uniform standards paying special attention to the most vulnerable such as unaccompanied minors and victims of human trafficking.

She explained that the shock created by the Lampedusa tragedy in October 2013 helped to accelerate the adoption of EUROSUR and caused the creation of the Task Force Mediterranean which is aimed at improving the asylum situation in Europe. These new instruments are aimed at upgrading information-exchange system between member states and to guarantee protection and resettlement of refugees and migrants. Despite general satisfaction with recent achievements in the field of asylum, Commissioner Malmström expressed concern with uneven migratory pressure on the member states. She also pointed out the lack of political will and solidarity with regard to the resettlement of refugees.



The Commissioner concluded by calling for further steps in the field of legal migration. Europe urgently needs "to open more legal channels". Our panelists agreed with Commissioner Malmström on the need to fight xenophobic political rhetoric. **Frank Engel MEP**, strongly condemned the lack of solidarity of some member states and said that "migration cannot be regulated with fences, we need to make sure that it is possible to come to Europe legally". **Leon Prop**, head of the EU office of the Red Cross, acquiesced by reminding all that "migrating is not a crime", thus detention should only be used as a last resort. "I cannot think of another topic where public debate is only about negative impacts", said Leon Prop. **Markus Löning**, former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Federal Republic of Germany, agreed and called upon a more comprehensive political debate "talking about people, not only about numbers and problems". In his view political parties carry a responsibility to re-frame the debate around the benefits of migration and reception countries have to make sure that their schooling systems provide equal opportunities for all. Löning drew from his family's experience, which migrated to and from Germany, to recall that "Europe is a continent where migration is in the DNA of be governed by chances



to and from Germany, to recall of migration". Indeed, as in Europe, the discourse should instead of fear.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

ESRT Activities in the context of the Elections

08 July: In cooperation with the **Wilfred Martens Centre**: Welcoming dinner for new MEPs from the EPP Group with **MEP Elmar Brok**

22 July: CSDP Mission Breakfast Briefing with **MEP Ioan Mircea Paşcu** and the DG EUMS, **LtGen Wolfgang Wosolobe**

September: Implications of the European Elections for future the EPs Policy Making in Security and Defence with **Alexandre Stutzmann**

24 September 2014:

Resilience against CBRN threats Improving EU Response Capabilities and Societal Resilience

As part of our FP7 project series, ESRT will hold a workshop in cooperation with the PRACTICE project that is aiming to develop new tools in order to tackle the fragmented structure among EUs and Member States CBRN Response capabilities in terms of technology, procedures, methods and organization. This expert workshop will be held in the context of the final PRACTICE conference that will take place on **23 September in Brussels**:

We also would like to draw your attention to the next TechNet Europe conference of our partner AFCEA that is held on **09/10 October in Paris**:



“Capability Driven Approach to Fulfill Military Needs - Industry Solutions”

TechNet Europe, the second largest annual flagship event of AFCEA Europe, will take place at the **Hotel du Collectionneur in Paris, France on 9 and 10 October 2014**. This year's event will be held in cooperation with the **European Defence Agency (EDA)** and under the Patronage of the Minister of Defence of the French Republic (requested). Industry and military attendees as well as experts and speakers from all over Europe and the USA will come together to present their products and services as well as exchange ideas on the latest happenings in the fields of communications, electronics and cyber security/IT during the conference, [the exhibition](#) and [networking opportunities](#).

Register now: [Online Registration](#) & [Accommodation booking](#) are open!

Eminent Keynote Speakers and Panelists include:

Ms. Claude-France Arnould	Chief Executive, European Defence Agency
Lieutenant General Wolfgang Wosolobe	Director General EU Military Staff
Dr. Bruce Schneier, Ph.D	US Cryptographer, Computer Security Specialist
Mr. Rolf Gement	Correspondent for Security Policy, Deutschlandfunk (t.b.c.)
Lieutenant General Markus J. Bentler, DEU A	German MILREP to NATO & EU Military Committee
Prof. Dr. Rob de Wijk	Director, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (NLD)
General Stéphane Abrial, FRA AF (Ret.)	Deputy CEO, Corporate Office, SAFFAN Aerospace Defence Security (FRA)
Prof. Dr. Holger H. Mey	Vice President, Head of Advanced Concepts, Airbus Defence and Space (DEU)

Sessions

General Panel: “The Role of Military Power in International Relations”

Technology Sessions:

“Modern Cyber Defence requires Built-in Security”

“Analysis, Simulation and Training”

“RPAS – Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems and Mission Payloads”

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[PRACTICE]

PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE AGAINST CBRN TERRORISM
USING INTEGRATED CONCEPTS AND EQUIPMENT

SAVE THE DATE

For the FINAL CONFERENCE of the PRACTICE project

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2014

The INTERNATIONAL Auditorium, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, Brussels



Key topics addressed:

- Recommendations for improving the operational functions for the handling of large-scale disruptive events in Europe
- PRACTICE Toolbox for managing CBRN events
- Innovative components developed during the project to provide an improved and integrated preparedness and response to CBRN events (recommendations, standards, protocols / procedures, equipment and systems, etc.)
- Information, procedures and processes for the understanding of the human and societal effects and influences of a CBRN event

Who should attend?

- Representatives of CBRNE groups:
 - First Responders,
 - Crisis Management Planners,
 - Experts of CBRN communities
- NGO's
- Policy Makers,
- Technology Suppliers

CYBER TRAININGS INITIATIVE

The augmentation of cyber incidents risks and cyber-attacks calls for the establishment of new capabilities, both in the private and in the public sector.

In this context, cyber security trainings are of vital importance for the strengthening of Information and Technology (IT) competencies and skills in companies and in public administrations. There is a strong need for greater coordination across the EU and across sectors in order to ensure their availability and quality.

Supported by ENISA and EDA, the European Security Round Table (eSRT), the [International Cyber Security Protection Alliance \(ICSPA\)](#) and the [Belgian Cybercrime Centre of Excellence for Training, Research and Education \(B-CCEMRE\)](#) launched a common initiative to identify challenges and best practices, and organise training interventions across the EU. The alliance organised a workshop on “Establishing Cyber Security Trainings in the EU”, in Brussels, where participants shared their thoughts and views in order to define the main motives for creating such trainings and to propose some concrete steps forward.



The discussion permitted to draft preliminary recommendations for establishing cyber security trainings. Those recommendations can be consulted in the [report](#). The participants to the workshop, composed both of decision-makers and experts coming from numerous Member States, will now provide their feedbacks on the exercise and on a first set of questions they received.



As a result of this preliminary discussion, the need for developing a European platform dedicated to the organisation of high quality cyber security trainings across the EU was pointed out. The platform will be the main forum for experience sharing and promote the identification of common “best practices trainings”. It will actively cooperate with other initiatives and local partners to ensure intra-European interaction. It was suggested to call it the European Cyber Security Academy.



TRUST & INFORMATION

In the framework of the sharp increase of cyber attacks, security against online incidents and crime has become central to consumer confidence.

In reaction to this, the European Strategy on Cyber Security sets out ways to strengthen network & information security across the EU and to protect the public and private sectors from intrusion and fraud, by strengthening cross-border cooperation and information exchange.

In this context, the eSRT organised a round table to discuss how trust and cooperation between global companies could improve the security level of ICT networks and of the Internet in Europe.

The key questions we answered were:

What are the main barriers that prevent us from creating a culture of openness and information sharing? Is the industry ready to embrace this culture, and go beyond competitiveness in order to ensure ICT security? What are the potential social, economic, and political outcomes of integration of notion of trust and transparency into daily IT operations? What can be done in order to enhance this kind of behaviour? What has been done already? Are there any existing success stories? What is the role of government? Public sector? Industry?

NIS DIRECTIVE Council Negotiations

The European Security Round Table (eSRT) has given its members the opportunity to discuss the state of play of the negotiations in the Council on the Network and Information Security (NIS) Directive at a strategic moment.

The day after the last April negotiation session of the Telecommunication Council Working Group and before the preparation of the Telecommunications Attaches' reports, the discussion gave a privileged insight on the progress of the institutional talks as well as on their expected impact on EU Member States.

The event was divided in two sessions. First, Christos Datsikas, Chairperson of the Telecom Council Working Group and representative of the Greek Presidency, Steve Purser, ENISA, Jakub Boratynski, DG Connect and Cornelia Kutterer, DIGITALEUROPE, have provided a general overview on the NIS Directive, its features, its progress and the current state of play of the negotiations. Then, Jurand Drop, Representative of Poland, and Amardeo Sarma, Trust and Digital Life, have given an input about the expected impact of the legislation.





SECURITY OF MOBILE DEVICES

As users increasingly rely on their mobile devices, mobile security has become a major concern. The lack of security of mobile devices opens a window for cybercriminals to access and exploit stored and exchanged sensitive data.

They can damage the device or misuse non-protected information contained into it, sent out through communication vectors or simply used in mobile activities such as trade or banking operations for instance. Although mobile devices generally facilitate users' daily life, they also engender new threats.

The eSRT has organised a Conference on the Security of Mobile Devices addressing two major issues of mobile security in two different panels: Mobile Banking - Securing Users' Sensitive Data and Mobile Security by Design - Securing the Set-Up.

The event discussed the work of Europol & the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) on cybercrime in mobile devices, the necessity to reach zero fraud in eBanking and to elaborate close partnerships between the IT Industry, Government, Regulators and Banks; the state of play of the current legislation, privacy and data protection in mobile banking; and also solutions for securing the design and operational systems of mobile devices.

AGENDA

September

Cyber Security Lunch: Welcoming MEPs

Autumn 2014

Round Table: The Protection of Critical Infrastructures

Autumn 2014

Conference: ENISA Ten Year Anniversary Event

Autumn 2014

Conference: NATO-EU Agenda on Cyber Security and Defence

January 2015

Conference: "European Cloud: Vision or Fiction?"

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SEMINARS

After a successful seminar about NATO/EDA Procurement Opportunities last September, the ESRT launched a new seminar series platform.

Due to their practical nature and interactive character our seminars are an excellent way for companies and organisations interested in benefiting from EU funding to become familiar with the processes and procedures. They provide participants with the skills, contacts and knowhow required to access the available funds.

In the future the ESRT will regularly organise seminars for businesses and industry associations in order to provide them with first-hand knowledge and information on specific topics. Organising these events, we cooperate with experts from the relevant institutions as well as representatives from the private sector.

WHAT WE OFFER

- ◆ A clear overview of the various funding instruments available
- ◆ A chance to meet and learn from EU experts
- ◆ Practical insight in the application procedure and proposal writing process
- ◆ A possibility to ask concrete questions and seek advice
- ◆ An opportunity to network with other potential project participants

Recent Seminars:

Business Opportunities with the European Defence Agency

On **28 April**, ESRTs first seminar in 2014 was informing about **Business Opportunities with the European Defence Agency**. The three directors of the new directorates briefed on the new EDA structure while other EDA experts briefed on flagship projects, business opportunities and contracting.



EU funding Opportunities in Security Research

On **21/22 May**, the second seminar, that was organized in cooperation with the Behördenspiegel, addressing EU funding opportunities in Security Research, covering the relevant programmes within Horizon 2020, concrete advice on proposals and special SME Instruments

For any information regarding ESRT Seminars, please contact the ESRT Project Manager Jeanne Heure Berding: +32 (0) 2 640 63 92

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