The EU Internal-External Security Nexus

Terrorism in the new European Union Global Strategy

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9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:15 Inauguration

Welcome remarks by Emilio Lamo de Espinosa, Chairman, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid.
Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission.
José Manuel García-Margallo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.

10:15-11:30 Thinking and acting strategically in the new European Foreign and Security Policy

High Representative Federica Mogherini is preparing an EU Global Strategy for foreign and security policy to be presented by mid 2016. This introductory session will analyse the momentum for a new comprehensive strategic document to steer the European external action. Do we have a common diagnosis of the problems that Europe faces to affirm its role and influence as a global player? Which priorities and choices should be adopted in the current world environment characterised by rapid change, interconnection, complexity, risks and opportunities? Can our interests and values be protected more effectively? To what extent this exercise must take into account the lessons learnt in previous initiatives such as the European Security Strategy adopted in 2003 or the European Global Strategy (a think tank-driven process designed in 2012 to stimulate research and debate around a common European strategy in external relations)? What can we expect from this reflection process bringing together EU institutions, member states and civil society?

Chair: Charles Powell, Director, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid.
Esther Barbé, Research Program Coordinator, IBEI, Barcelona.
Cristina Barrios, Policy Advisor, Strategic Planning, European External Action Service.
Sven Biscop, Director, Europe in the World Programme, Egmont Institute, Brussels.

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:15 Towards closer coordination between the internal and external EU’s security policy

This session will analyse the tools at the disposal of the EU to ensure a proper internal-external strategy to deal with different challenges to security and its links with the EU Global Strategy. How to link policies in the area of freedom, security and justice with foreign and security policies of the EU and its Member States? How to include wider aspects of development cooperation,
neighbourhood or energy policies in the fight against terrorism and other threats to security (such as organised crime, illegal trafficking of drugs, arms and human beings)? How to reinforce security while promoting tolerance, non-discrimination and the guarantee of fundamental freedoms? How to establish frameworks for international cooperation with the EU’s partners to counter terrorism and other threats? How to promote better coordination with international initiatives at the UN level and other regional organisations? What can be done to improve European influence in Western Balkans and the MENA region on those topics?

Chair: Jordi Bacaria, Director, CIDOB, Barcelona.
Félix Arteaga, Senior Analyst, Defence, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid.
Björn Fägersten, Researcher, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI), Stockholm.

13:15-14:30
Understanding and preventing radicalisation and conditions that may be conducive to terrorism

This session will explore policies to fight radicalisation and combat terrorism, taking into account the broad aspects that inform the EU’s counter-terrorism strategy and their links to the EU Global Strategy. It will address the full cycle of violent extremism: how to understand and prevent radicalisation, the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters, returnees, prisons and the goal of rehabilitation. What initiatives should be put forward to cope with the emergence of failed states and ungoverned territories that multiply the threat of terrorism? What are the links between regional conflicts in Syria, Iraq or Libya and the phenomenon of international terrorism?

Chair: Ricardo López-Aranda, Head, Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.
Bibi van Ginkel, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute, The Hague.
Fernando Reinares, Director, Global Terrorism Programme, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid.
Eduard Soler, Research Coordinator, CIDOB, Barcelona.

14:30-15:45
Lunch

15:45-17:00
Combating terrorism and organised crime in a European Union context

This session will tackle the current policies of the EU and Member States to fight terrorism and organised crime, as well as policy proposals to reinforce them. How to fight the funding of international terrorism and prosecute terrorist travel? How to enhance the use of national and EU’s tools for better border management and to guarantee transport, cyber and nuclear security? How to support national authorities and enhance coordination in the fields of judicial and police cooperation? How to enhance measures of criminal justice and enforce law to pursue terrorism and organised crime? How to reinforce current arrangements to respond to terrorism and organised crime such as the solidarity clause or civil protection mechanisms? After the terrorist attacks occurred in Paris on 13 November, France has invoked for the first time the Article 42.7 of the Treaty on European Union. Which are the implications of this in terms of Europeanisation of defence? Why President François Hollande referred to “war” and mutual defence in preference to Article 222 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, which establishes the so-called solidarity clause?

Chair: Ignacio Molina, Senior Analyst, Europe, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid
Sarah Léonard, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Dundee.
Pol Morillas, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona
Camino Mortera-Martínez, Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform, London.

17:00-17:15
Closing remarks and end of the seminar

Ignacio Ybáñez, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.