

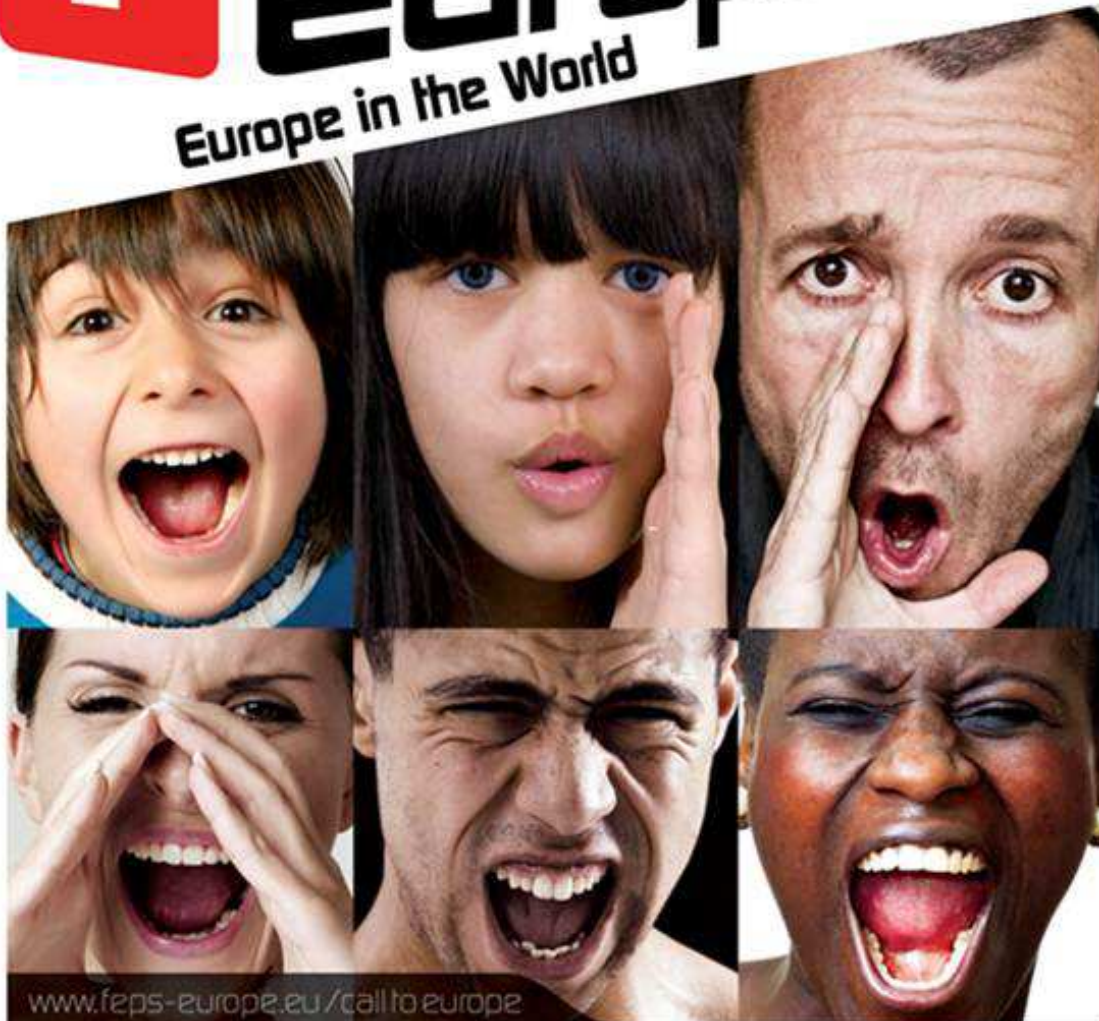
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Thu. morning Session I

**Peace at Stake
in Africa: Strengthening
Africa-EU Partnership**

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**Next steps for
EU soft power**

Fri. morning Session III

**Challenges on
the EU's doorstep**

Fri. afternoon Closing session

**Foreign Ministers'
Debate**





THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2012

09.00 – 10.00 **OPENING**

Massimo D'Alema, President of FEPS and former Prime Minister of Italy

Principal Moderator Ernst Stetter, Secretary General of FEPS

10.00 – 12.45 **'PEACE AT STAKE IN AFRICA: STRENGTHENING AFRICA-
EU PARTNERSHIP'**

OUTLINE

In late 2011, FEPS commissioned a study from the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) entitled **"Strengthening Africa-EU Partnership on peace and security: how to engage African sub-regional organisations and civil society."** The study aims to examine the state of play of European Union-African Union cooperation in reinforcing African security policies, conflict prevention instruments and crisis management capabilities. It also evaluates the evolution of EU's orientation towards African peace and security after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in an effort to find ways to better coordinate European policies.

The project takes stock of the existing cooperation arrangements between the EU and the AU and assesses how they could be enhanced in the future. Finally, it investigates the possible role of civil society and sub-regional organisations in EU-AU political dialogue and implementation activities, with particular regard to the involvement of these actors in early warning, crisis management and mediation.

This session will open with a presentation of a first draft of the study of the IAI and offer an expert analysis of its findings. The case study of Africa-EU cooperation will be useful and informative for later sessions of "Call to Europe" in offering a concrete example of EU external cooperation and action.

PARTICIPANTS CONFIRMED

Presented by Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI),
Rome

and Kai Schaefer, Consultant, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Discussant Nicoletta Pirozzi, Crisis Management and



Planning Directorate, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Rapporteur

Pia Locatelli, President of the Socialist International Women

Lorenza Antonucci, FEPS Young Academics Network, University of Bristol

With 'Reflections from Africa' by Hon. Karl A. Offmann, former President of Mauritius

Philippe Darmuzey

Head of Unit, Africa-EU Partnership, Peace Facility, DG DEVCO, European Commission, Brussels

Solomon Dersso

Senior Researcher, Secretariat African Peace Support Trainers' Association (APSTA), Addis Ababa

Ana Gomes

MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the subcommittees on Human Rights and Security and Defence

Ibrahima Kane

Director of African Union Advocacy, Eastern Africa Initiative, Open Society Foundations, Nairobi

Jeremy Lester

Adviser on Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding, Africa Department, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Mario Raffaelli

President, African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), Rome

John Tesha

Secretary-General, Africa Forum, Pretoria

Catherine Woollard

Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), Brussels

12.45 CLOSING

13.00 - 14.00 BUFFET LUNCH

**14.00 – 14.15 PRESENTATION NEW ISSUE OF FEPS 'FRESH THINKING' MAGAZINE
'IS EU FOREIGN POLICY DESTINED TO FAIL?'**

By Eric Sundström, Editor-in-Chief of 'Fresh Thinking'

14.15 – 17.30 'NEXT STEPS FOR EU SOFT POWER'

OUTLINE



Group of the Progressive Alliance of
Socialists & Democrats
in the European Parliament



This session will deal with many of the big philosophical ideas affecting the formation of EU foreign policy. Progressives have often had considerable difficulty in finding agreement, let alone a common approach to major issues such as soft power, humanitarian intervention and models of democratic transition.

European Union **soft power** has not often been given the focus it deserves but it has seen some notable successes. The processes of enlargement and regional cooperation have diminished the Westphalian conception of hard borders and isolationist notions of sovereignty, thus fostering a more peaceful perspective on Europe's place in the world. However, one cannot escape the question of whether soft power has reached its limits.

In this light, progressives, and Europeans in general, still fail to agree on the merits and pitfalls of so-called "**humanitarian interventionism**". While clusters of individual EU member states have participated in interventions, such as the Kosovo campaign in 1999 or Libya in 2011, there is still little agreement on the effectiveness or desirability of such actions. Division remains on both the moral imperatives and motivations at play in such situations. Furthermore, agreement on common EU coordination, outside the auspices of NATO or a few willing member states, remains a long way off.

Finally, there are differences of opinion on models of **democratic transition**. Numerous present-day EU member states went through the difficult process of emerging from dictatorships prior to their accession. The processes followed in Southern Europe differed from those in Central and Eastern Europe. What are the lessons Europeans can learn from their own experiences? Can these lessons be of help in constructing a common policy with regard to such initiatives as the Endowment for Democracy and the activities of political foundations and other organisations?

PARTICIPANTS CONFIRMED

Opening oration by Sergei Stanishev, President of the PES & former Prime Minister of Bulgaria

'A Progressive Vision for EU Foreign Policy'

Rapporteurs André Gerrits, Chairman of the Alfred Mozer Stichting, professor at Leiden University & member of the FEPS Scientific Council

Laura Ballarin Cereza, FEPS Young Academics Network

Raffaella Bolini *Head of the International Department of ARCI, Italy*

Ronja Kempin *Head Research Division on EU External Relations at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) Berlin*

Ian Lesser *Director of the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Center in Brussels*

Hugues Mingarelli *Managing Director for the Middle East and Southern Neighbourhood at the European External Action Service (EEAS) Brussels*

Pierre Mirel *Director, European Commission, DG Enlargement*

Tom Sauer *Associate Professor in International Politics, Antwerp University*

Will Straw *Associate Director for Globalisation and Climate Change at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) London*

Chitrapu Uday Bhaskar *Commodore, is a Senior Fellow at the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) New Delhi*

Richard Whitman *Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent*

18.30-20.00

RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE S&D GROUP

Opened with a speech on “Women in Foreign Policy”
by Zita Gurmai, MEP and Vice-President of FEPS



FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2012

09.00 – 12.15 'CHALLENGES ON THE EU'S DOORSTEP'

OUTLINE

The third session looks at the practical application of the major philosophical themes discussed in the previous workshop. This will involve addressing specific focal points for external action such as the EU Action Plan for the Balkans, the Middle East, Enlargement and the pursuit of shared targets for EU member states. This section of the conference will adopt a comparative focus so as to see how lessons learnt from past action and inaction can affect present day policy making.

The participants involved are asked to talk separately on the matters of the Balkans and the Middle East. As a result, **the first half of this session will be dedicated to the Balkan region**, with the objective to retrieve lessons from previous experiences. **The second half will focus on the Middle East**, and whether the lessons from the past could be applicable on the current situation. More specifically, a session of this nature allows us to examine the ramifications of previous experiences in the South Eastern Europe for EU action in North Africa today. The process of enlargement has been beneficial to the quality of life and of democracy in the former Yugoslavia. While such measures cannot be directly applied in the Southern Neighbourhood, this session entails expertise on both regions, knowledge that should be combined in order to take on the current challenges on the EU's doorstep.

PARTICIPANTS CONFIRMED

Opening oration by László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Rapporteurs Bruno Liebhaberg, President of the Gauche Réformiste Européenne & member of FEPS Scientific Council

Laura Caroli, FEPS Young Academics Network

Lessons from the Eastern Doorstep

Yannick Dupont	<i>Director and Founder of SPARK, Amsterdam</i>
Andras Inotai	<i>Director-General of the Institute for World Economics, Budapest</i>
Kata Marijan Krzelj	<i>Center for Civic Cooperation Livno, Bosnia Herzegovina</i>
Arbjan Mazniku	<i>Executive Director of the Agenda Institute, Albania</i>
Dasa Silovic	<i>Chair of the International Board of the CEE Gender Network/European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity</i>
Dragan Tevdovski	<i>Member of the Executive Board of the Progressive Institute, Macedonia</i>
Natasa Vuckovic	<i>General-Secretary of the Center for Democracy Foundation and Member of Parliament, Serbia</i>
Jan Marinus Wiersma	<i>Vice-President of the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity, Amsterdam</i>

A step forward for the Middle-East and Northern-Africa

Gerald Knaus	<i>President of the European Stability Initiative, Berlin & Istanbul</i>
Diego Lopez Garrido	<i>Secretary of State of European Affairs of Spain</i>
Amre Moussa	<i>Former Secretary-General of the Arab League, Former Foreign Minister of Egypt and 2011 candidate for the Egyptian Presidency</i>



Raimon Obiols	<i>MEP, Member S&D Group</i>
Burhan Senatolar	<i>Professor in Political Science, Bilgi University, Turkey</i>
Nabil Shaath	<i>Former Foreign Affairs Minister of the Palestinian National Authority</i>
Frans Timmermans	<i>Former Minister for European Affairs of the Netherlands and current Foreign Affairs spokesperson for the Labour Party</i>

12.15 – 12.30 Closing by Hannes Swoboda, President of the S&D Group

12.30 – 13.30 BUFFET LUNCH

13.30 – 15.00 FOREIGN MINISTERS' DEBATE

Opening oration by Henri Nallet, Vice-President of FEPS and the Fondation Jean-Jaurès, Former Minister of France

Moderator Daniel Vernet, former Editor-in-Chief of 'Le Monde'

Rapporteur Alex Trigona, Senior Fellow at the University of Malta and former Foreign Ministers of Malta, member of FEPS Scientific Council

Piotr Plewa, FEPS Young Academics Network

The conference will close with a debate between prominent former Foreign Ministers from the progressive family. They will draw on their own experiences in government to see what we can take from the debates which take place throughout the "Call to Europe" conference. As well as the issues discussed during the previous sessions, they will examine the possibilities for progress in the Middle East and how this conflict is interlinked with the events of the Arab Spring.

FOREIGN MINISTERS

With Former President of Chile, Honorary Ricardo Lagos

Mani Shankar Aiyar *Former Cabinet Minister (on Oil and Gas), Member of Parliament and former Ambassador at the Indian*



Embassy at the EU

Massimo D'Alema

FEPS President and former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

László Kovács

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary

Hon. Karl Offmann

Former President of Mauritius

Hubert Védrine

Former Foreign Minister of France



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