

GLOBAL TURKEY  IN EUROPE

**Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) and Stiftung Mercator cordially invite you to a roundtable discussion on**

## **PESCO AND SECURITY COOPERATION BETWEEN EU AND TURKEY**

**14 MAY 2018, 09:00 – 17:30**

**MERCATOR CENTRE  
NEUE PROMENADE, 6 - BERLIN**

*On 11 December 2017, the Council adopted a decision establishing Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO). It foresees the possibility of a number of EU member states to work more closely together in the area of security and defence. Third States could be invited to participate in individual projects. Security cooperation is an increasingly key area in EU-Turkey relations and it will only gain further relevance in the near future. PESCO has a potential to provide a new impetus to this cooperation. The aim of the meeting will be to discuss the challenges and opportunities PESCO provides for revitalization of the EU-Turkey relationship, especially in the security field.*

*After a highly stimulating event in Paris, the second of a series of workshops under the Global Turkey in Europe V programme, to be held in Berlin, will offer a timely opportunity to discuss the issue of security cooperation between the European Union and Turkey.*

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 09:00 Study visit to the German Federal Ministry of Defence**  
*Stauffenbergstrasse, 18 (in front of the gate and security check point)*
- 09:30 Welcome and Introduction**  
**NONA MIKHELIDZE** Head of Eastern Europe and Eurasia Programme, IAI  
**JAMES RIZZO** Head of Istanbul Office, Stiftung Mercator
- 09:45 Current Developments in the EU Common Security and Defence Policy: PESCO as an option for a closer security cooperation**  
**BENEDIKTA FREIIN VON SEHERR-THOB** Head of the EU/CSDP Division
- 10:45** Coffee break
- 11:00 The relationship between EU and Turkey: challenges in the foreign and security policy field**  
**CHRISTIAN BECKER** Desk Officer for South/Southeast Europe and Turkey in the Division for the Security Policy and Relations to countries in Europe, the Americas and Oceania
- 12:00** End of the study visit
- 12:30** Transfer to the Mercator Centre
- 13:00** Light lunch
- 14:00 Workshop**
- Paper givers**  
**SENEM AYDIN-DÜZGİT** Senior Scholar & Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator, IPC  
**ALESSANDRO MARRONE** Head of Defence Programme, IAI
- Facilitator of the roundtable**  
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