

MERCATOR EUROPEAN DIALOGUE WORKSHOP
THREAT PERCEPTIONS AND SCENARIOS FOR EU SECURITY
AND DEFENSE, BRUSSELS 10 JULY 2018



Monday 9th of July

20:00 - Welcome dinner (*Please meet at the lobby of the hotel at 19.40*)

"Reflecting on threats - how secure are we in the EU"

Jan Techau, *Director Europe Program, GMF*

Tuesday 10th of July

08:40 Please meet at the lobby of the hotel for your transportation to King Baudouin Foundation

9:00-9:20 **Welcome remarks**

Chiara Rosselli, *Head, Mercator European Dialogue, GMF, Berlin*

Dr Thanos Dokos, *Director General Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens*

Stefan Schaefer, *Head, European Affairs, King Baudouin Foundation, Brussels*

9:20-9:30 **Objectives of the workshop and review of agenda**

Marcin Buzanski, *Workshop Facilitator, Senior Advisor Casimir Pulaski Foundation*

9:30-11:00 **Session one: "What makes us lose our sleep?"**

Guest expert– **Maciej Popowski**, *Director General, Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission, Brussels*

Discussion about threat perceptions and main drivers and triggers impacting EU security. Validating a proposed list and discussing additional ones.

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **Session two: "Perceptions, realities, futures"**

EU common security and Defence in 2023 - discussion about probability and impact of different threats to European security.

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session three - “United we stand, divided we fall - Can we do it together?”**

Scenario’s for future of EU’s Common Security and Defence

Guest expert: **General Kostarakos**, Chairman, European Union Military Committee (CEUMC), Brussels

Guest expert: **Mihnea Motoc**, *Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), European Commission, Brussels*

Discussion on obstacles and challenges for effective EU collaboration in security and defence – outlining recommendations

15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee break**

15:45- 17:00 **Session four– “Qvo vadis NATO”**

Scenarios for NATO in a multipolar world- challenges ahead

Guest expert: **Dr. Stefanie Babst**, *Head, Strategic Analysis Capability (SAC) for the Secretary General and the Chairman of the Military Committee, NATO, Brussels*

Discussants:

Dr. Ian Lesser, *Director, GMF Brussels Office*

Discussion on challenges and opportunities for NATO and EU, and more broadly transatlantic relations.

17:00-18:00 **Session five: “Winning hearts and minds”**

Strategic Communication of Security and Defence priorities (What role for MP’s?). Discussing public communication, outlining recommendations.

19:30 **Dinner**