

THE VALUE OF POWER, THE POWER OF VALUES A CALL FOR AN EU GRAND STRATEGY

International Expert Seminar,

Val Duchesse, Brussels, 5-6 November 2009

The debate about the implementation of the *European Security Strategy* (ESS) that the EU organized in 2008 cannot be left unfinished. The *Report on the Implementation of the European Security Strategy* in which the debate culminated provides a concise overview of implementation and confirms the Union's holistic and multilateral approach, but offers less in terms of concrete recommendations for the future.

The argument of the *Egmont Paper* on the occasion of which publication this seminar takes place, is that the EU cannot leave it at that. Because of the – perhaps exaggerated – expectations, the perception, which the EU can hardly afford, is now one of stalled strategic debate. The Report can therefore only be the end of the beginning. On the basis of the Report a fully fledged strategic review can yet take place, which can lead to a deepening of EU strategy. The result will be a *grand* strategy, because that is the scope – embracing all of the instruments and resources at the disposal of the EU and the Member States – of the ESS already today, and because that expresses the high level of ambition which the EU as a global power must have.

The aim of the *Egmont Paper* was to put the case for a grand strategy, and to pose all the questions which a grand strategy should address, in order to stimulate the debate, for which this seminar, bringing together international experts from the policy-making and academic worlds, provides a forum.

Co-organized by *Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations*, the *Swedish Institute of International Affairs*, and the *Institute for European Studies of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel*, the seminar is organized in four panels:

- Panel 1 will introduce the argument of the *Egmont Paper* and frame the debate.
- Panel 2 will address the core question: Can and should the EU have a grand strategy? Can and should it be a global power?
- Panel 3 will assess the power play between the various global actors: Can the EU rule the 21st century or will it be ruled out? Which will be the alliances and lines of contention of the future?
- Panel 4 will look more specifically at strategy in the field of peace and security: What is the EU's ambition? Can a grand strategy inform a “white book” for ESDP?

Participation is by invitation only – the Chatham House Rule will apply – the language of the seminar will be English.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 5 November

14.00–14.30 *Registration*

14.30–16.00 **Panel 1: The Case for an EU Grand Strategy**

Chair: Dr. Jan Joel ANDERSSON, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

- Brig-Gen. (R) Jo COELMONT, Egmont
- Prof. Dr. Sven BISCOP, Egmont

16.00–16.30 *Coffee*

16.30–18.00 **Panel 2: Europe as a Power?**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Richard WHITMAN, University of Bath

- Prof. Dr. Jolyon HOWORTH, University of Yale
- Dr. Jamie SHEA, NATO
- Claude-France ARNOULD, Council of the European Union

Friday 6 November

09.30–11.00 **Panel 3: Europe and the Powers**

Chair: Dr. Eva GROSS, Institute for European Studies, VUB

- Dr. Giovanni GREVI, EU Institute for Security Studies
- Prof. Dr. Adrian HYDE-PRICE, University of Bath
- Prof. Dr. Frédéric RAMEL, Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire (IRSEM), Paris

11.00–11.30 *Coffee*

11.30–13.00 **Panel 4: Towards an ESDP White Book?**

Chair: Dr. Gerrard QUILLE, European Parliament

- Alexander MATTELAER, Institute for European Studies, VUB
- James ROGERS, University of Cambridge
- Lt-Gen. David LEAKEY, EU Military Staff