



EU BATTLEGROUPS EXPERT SEMINAR

5 JULY 2011, EGMONT PALACE, PLACE DU PETIT SABLON 8 BIS, BRUXELLES

PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09:30 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION

Welcoming remarks by Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop, Egmont Institute, and Marcin Kazmierski, Defence Policy Director, Poland

Introductory speech by Dr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz, Undersecretary for Defence Policy, Poland

09:45-11:15 SESSION I: BGs FLEXIBILITY.

Moderator: Bert Versmessen, Chair of the Political-Military Group, European External Action Service

Panelists:

- Walter Stevens, Head of the Crisis Management Planning Directorate, European External Action Service: **Political parameters of the “BG process”;**
- Col. Paul Shewry, Head of Military Assessment and Planning Branch, EU Military Staff: **The possible ways to extend the BG flexibility;**
- Sandy Johnston, Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom: **Civ-mil element within the BG structure.**

Q&A

11:15 – 11:45 COFFEE

11:45 – 13:15 SESSION II: BGs DEPLOYABILITY.

Moderator: Bert Versmessen, Chair of the Political-Military Group, European External Action Service

Panelists:

- Lt. Col Erik Preutz, Nordic BG 2011 Planning Element, Swedish Armed Forces: **BG deployment – problems and solutions;**
- Col. Philippe Pourque, French Military Representation to the EU: **Common funding of BGs via Athena mechanism;**
- Lt. Col. Frank de Waele, German Armed Forces: **BGs in rapid response.**

Q&A

Pre-lunch concluding remarks by Marcin Kazmierski, Defence Policy Director, Poland



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13:15 – 14:15 BUFFET LUNCH

14:15 – 15:45 SESSION III: TOWARDS A CIVIL-MILITARY STRATEGY FOR CSDP.

Moderator: Brig.Gen.(R) Jo Coelmont, Egmont Institute

Panelists:

- Prof. Dr. Jolyon Howorth, Yale University:
The need for strategy;
- Dr. Margriet Drent, Clingendael:
Civilian CSDP;
- Brig. Gen. Gabor Horvath, EU Military Staff:
Military CSDP.

Q&A

15:45 – 16:15 WRAP-UP

Final remarks by Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop, Egmont Institute, and Marcin Kazmierski, Defence Policy Director, Poland

16:15 – 17:00 FAREWELL DRINKS