

## State of the Union Conference 2019

# Re-uniting Europe?

## *Between geopolitical tensions and domestic constraints*

### Provisional Programme

The Netherlands Institute of International Relations ‘Clingendael’, in cooperation with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Parliament, is organising a “*State of the Union Conference*” for high-level reflection on the future of the European Union (EU). Internal and external pressures continue to destabilize the European project. Changes in the geopolitical environment, ranging from an endangered transatlantic relationship, great power rivalries and continuous migration pressure necessitate comprehensive solutions that reaffirm the EU’s role in the world. Simultaneously, the EU needs to secure its internal unity, especially in the light of the upcoming parliamentary elections. Yet, it is far from clear what reforms should look like and many questions are still unanswered. This high-level conference brings together EU officials, civil society representatives, business and opinion leaders as well as academics to critically reflect upon the following topics:

- EU migration policies
- The future of the EMU
- The geopolitics of EU-Asia connectivity
- Hungary: Behind the façade of Orbán
- Social Europe
- Listening to the European citizen
- European Strategic Autonomy
- The 2019 European Elections

The State of the Union Conference 2019 will take place in **The Hague** (The Netherlands) on **25 January 2019**.

**Date** 25 January 2019  
**Venue** Sociëteit De Witte  
Plein 24  
2511 CS, The Hague

**Twitter hashtag: #SotEU19**

## Programme

To ensure open debates, the *Chatham House Rule* will apply (unless otherwise indicated).

- 08.45 – 09.15 Registration and coffee/tea
- 09.15 – 09.25 Welcome and opening remarks - *Room: 'Pleinzaal'*  
**Monika Sie Dhian Ho - General Director, Clingendael Institute**
- 09.30 – 10.00 **Keynote: Dominique Moïsi** - Visiting Research Professor at King's College London, and Special Advisor to Institut Montaigne
- 10.00 – 10.15 **Keynote: Bas Eickhout** – Member of European Parliament and 'Spitzenkandidat' for the European Greens
- 10.30 – 12.00 **Morning breakout sessions**

### **Session 1A** – *Room: 'Koepelzaal'*

#### **EU Migration Policies – 'From Crisis to Stability'**

*Moderator:* Myrthe Wijnkoop – Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Marit Maij - Special Envoy Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Hanne Beirens – Migration Policy Institute Brussel
- Simon Mordue – European Commission DG HOME

### **Session 1B** – *room: 'Leeszaal'*

#### **A crisis-proof EMU? Southern Developments and the ECB's Resilience**

*Moderator:* Adriaan Schout – Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Miguel Otero-Iglesias– Elcano Royal Institute (TBC)
- Simona Piattoni – University of Trento
- Charles Wyplosz – Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva

### **Session 1C** – *room: 'Literaire Zaal'*

#### **The Geopolitics of EU-Asia Connectivity**

*Moderator:* Giovanni Grevi – European Policy Centre

*Panel:*

- Maaïke Okano-Heijmans - Clingendael Institute
- Peter Potman – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Steven Everts – Senior Advisor Asia Pacific Department EEAS

**Session 1D – Room: ‘Pleinzaal’**

**Documentary Screening & Panel Discussion- Behind the facade of Orbán  
(In Dutch)**

*Moderator:* Jan Marinus Wiersma – Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Kati Piri – Member of European Parliament
- Dzsingisz Gabor – Former State Secretary CDA
- Mitra Nazar – NOS Correspondent Western Balkans & Hungary

12.00 – 12.45

**Lunch - Room: ‘Pleinzaal’**

12.45 – 13.30

**Keynote: ‘The future of the EU in a changing geopolitical context’**  
**Nathalie Tocci** – Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali and Special  
Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini

13.45 – 15.15

**Afternoon breakout sessions**

**Session 2A – Room: ‘Koepelzaal’**

**Listening to the European Citizens**

*Moderator:* Mark Elchardus – Vrije Universiteit Brussel

*Panel:*

- André Krouwel – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Femke Roosma – University of Tilburg
- Frank Vandenbroucke – University of Amsterdam

**Session 2B – Room: ‘Leeszaal’**

**Social Europe: A political minefield?**

*Moderator:* René Cuperus - Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Agnes Jongerius – Member of European Parliament
- László Andor – Former Commissioner Social Affairs and Employment
- Paul de Beer – University of Amsterdam

**Session 2C – Room: ‘Literaire Zaal’**

**European Strategic Autonomy: Going it Alone?**

*Moderator:* Dick Zandee – Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Margriet Drent - Clingendael Institute
- Alice Billon-Galland – European leadership Network
- Barbara Kunz – Institut Français des Relations Internationales
- Christoffer Jonker – Netherlands Ministry of Defence

**Session 2D – Room: ‘Pleinzaal’**

**The 2019 European Elections: Electoral Shifts and Institutional Dynamics**

*Moderator:* Louise van Schaik – Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Stephen Clark – Director for Relations with Citizens, European Parliament
- Hanno Wurzner – Deputy Director European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Nicolai van Ondarza – German Institute for International and Security Affairs

15.15 – 15.45 Afternoon break – *Room: ‘Pleinzaal’*

15.45 – 17.15 **Plenary panel: Re-uniting Europe**

*Room: ‘Pleinzaal’*

*Moderator:* Monika Sie Dhian Ho - General Director, Clingendael Institute

*Panel:*

- Piotr Buras - Head European Council of Foreign Relations Warsaw
- Antonio Villafranca– ISPI Research Coordinator
- Eleni Panagiotarea– Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy
- Dominique Moisi - Visiting Research Professor at King’s College London, and Special Advisor to Institut Montaigne
- Maria Demertzis – Deputy Director Bruegel Institute

17.15 – 18:15 **Informal reception - Room: ‘Pleinzaal’**