



Seminar

Making sense of European defence

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At this expert seminar the following issues will be discussed: What will be the next steps for deepening defence cooperation? Will cooperation remain primarily bilateral and in small clusters, or do we need more top-down coordination and guidance? What roles do Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), the European Defence Fund and the Framework Nations Concept play? And how do these new initiatives and existing cooperation formats fit together in one logical framework? As new ideas seem to fall over each other, can we still make sense of European defence?

Programme

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| 14.00 | Opening by the moderator, Lo Casteleijn (Clingendael Institute) |
| 14.10 | Presentations "Making Sense of European Defence" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eric Wilms (the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies) – <i>Lessons learned on defence cooperation: 4 cases</i>• Margriet Drent (Clingendael Institute) – <i>Operational defence cooperation</i>• Dick Zandee (Clingendael Institute) – <i>Defence capability cooperation</i> |
| 14.40 | Presentation by Christian Mölling (Deputy Director, German Council on Foreign Relations) – <i>A German perspective on European defence cooperation</i> |
| 14.55 | Presentation Vice Adm. Ben Bekkering (Permanent Military Representative at the EU and NATO) – <i>A military perspective on European defence cooperation</i> |
| 15.10 | Comments by Christoffer Jonker (Director International Affairs & Operations, Netherlands Ministry of Defence) – <i>Can we make sense of the next steps in European defence?</i> |
| 15.25 | Interactive debate |
| 16.20 | Closing by the moderator |
| 16.30 | Informal drinks |