Experts Workshop ‘The Role of the European Union in Current Global Conflicts’

Date: 10 July 2018

Location: Social Platform, Square de Meeûs 18, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

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Programme

9:30 Registration and coffee

10:00-10:05 Welcome by Klaus Linsenmeier, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (hbs) European Union

10:05 – 11:30 Introductory session: Is there/should there be a European strategy on how to deal with global conflicts

- Input: Professor Dr Sven Biscop, Egmont, Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels
- Comments: Gilles Bertrand, senior MENA advisor within the EEAS liaising with think tanks
- Reinhard Bütikofer, Member of the European Parliament Greens-EFA
- Moderator: Klaus Linsenmeier, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union
- Rapporteur: Carlo Diehl, intern European Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

11:30 - 11:45 Break

11:45 – 13:15 Session 1: The ‘Jerusalem conflict’: The Situation after Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as capital of Israel. What can the EU do to prevent further escalation?

- Input (amongst others): Dr Yudith Oppenheimer, Director Ir Amin (Israel); Bettina Marx, director hbs Ramallah, Oz Aruch, Programme Coordinator for Regional Security & German-Israeli Dialogue, hbs Tel Aviv
- Comments: Thomas Seiler, Deputy Head of Division Israel, occupied Palestinian territory and Middle East peace process; Hugh Lovatt, Policy Fellow with ECFR's Middle East and North Africa Programme
- Moderator: Claude Weinber, former director hbs offices Tel Aviv and EU
- Rapporteur: Pieter Dronkers, researcher, (Palestine), PAX, Utrecht
13:15 - 14:15 Lunch
14:15 – 15:45 Session 2: Syria

**Input:** George Ghali, Executive Director ALEF - act for human rights, Lebanon; Dr Bente Scheller, Director hbs Beirut; Galip Dalay, research director Al Sharq Forum, Turkey; Eva Horelova, Policy Officer for Syria, European External Action Service

**Moderator:** Abdy Yeganeh, Director Independent Diplomat, Brussels office

**Rapporteur:** Jan Jaap van Oosterzee, Head Public Affairs (ad interim), PAX, Utrecht

15:45 – 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:30 Session 3: The Refugee Situation

- **Input:** Ms Nur Banu Ozkut, Programme Manager, Refugee Rights Center Turkey (RRT), Dr Angeliki Dimitriadi, Research Fellow at ELIAMEP in the field of migration; Bodil Valero, Member of the European Parliament, vice chair of the Greens-EFA;
- **Comments:** Roderick Parkes, senior analyst immigration, asylum and international home affairs cooperation, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS); Lina Vosyliūtė, Researcher at Justice and Home Affairs Section, CEPS
- **Moderator:** Giulia Laganà, Senior Analyst, EU Migration and Asylum Policies, Open Society European Policy Institute
- **Rapporteur:** Jelena von Helldorff, senior policy advisor CEIPA

17:30-18:30 Reception

**Readings:**

**Webdossier:** The Role of the European Union in Its Neighbourhood and in the World

- George Ghali: Taking the Lead Where Others Don’t - Suggesting Pillars for Conflict Resolution Intervention Led by the European Union
- Hugh Lovatt: Trump’s Challenge: What Can the EU Do to Prevent Escalation in Jerusalem?

**Blog** Reconnecting Europe

Lina Vosyliūtė: Is ‘Saving Lives at Sea' still a Priority for the EU?

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