



Invitation

Presentation and Discussion of the CEPS-FES Task Force Report

“More Union in European Defence” – how to get there?

24 September 2015, 13.30-15.30

Venue: Zachęta – Narodowa Galeria Sztuki, pl. Małachowskiego 3, Warsaw
Language: English (if necessary, English-Polish/Polish-English interpretation will be offered)

A ring of fire from the Sahel over the Horn of Africa to Ukraine, hybrid and automated wars on the horizon and a new European Security Strategy in the pipeline: But the EU has lived through years of uncoordinated cuts in defence spending which have eroded Europe's role as a security actor in what is now a multipolar world. And it is quite obvious that member states could achieve much more value for money than the €190 billion that they spend to keep up 28 national armies, comprising roughly 1.5 million service personnel.

The report is a record of the deliberations over several months between high-level experts in the field of European security and defence, coordinated by Javier Solana. The Task Force (TF) parts from the notion that the Treaty of Lisbon demands and permits a great deal more in terms of our common security and defence activities. The report aims to provide member states and the EU institutions with a narrative to strengthen defence cooperation. It suggests policy actions to further the EU's strategic, institutional, capabilities, and resources cooperation in the field of defence. Ultimately, in the view of the Task Force experts, further integration should amount to a 'European Defence Union' (EDU).

Programme

- 13.30 Welcome
Ireneusz Bil, Director, Foundation “Amicus Europae”
Roland Feicht, Director, FES Warsaw Office
- 13.40 Presentation of the CEPS Tasks Force Report
Javier Solana, President, ESADE Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics /
Task Force Chair
Steven Blockmans, Head of EU Foreign Policy at CEPS / Rapporteur Task Force
- 14.10 Comment
Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Former President of Poland
- 14.30 Questions and Answers
Moderation: **Uwe Optenhögel**, Director, FES Brussels Office / Task Force Member