



# Evening conference

## The future of Defence in and of Europe *Ambassador Delphine PRONK*

**NEW DATE**

**29 November 2023**

**18:00 - 19:30**

Dear Madam, Sir,

The **Royal Higher Institute for Defence (RHID)**, the **European Society for Defence (S€D)** and the **Royal Military Academy (RMA)** are pleased to invite you to an **evening conference** organised on **Wednesday 29 November 2023** from **18:00 until 19:30**.

Our organisations are honoured to welcome Ambassador **Delphine Pronk**, Chair of the EU Political and Security Committee (PSC), who will share with us her perspective on the future of Defence in and of Europe. The PSC, which consists of ambassadorial-level representatives from all EU Member States and usually meets twice per week, is responsible for the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). It monitors international developments, decides on strategic approaches and policy options and submits them to the Council, and ensures political control and strategic direction of crisis management operations.

In a lively debate with the audience, Ambassador Pronk will focus on the increased role of the EU as a security and defence actor, illustrating the latest developments in light of the Russian aggression against Ukraine and other examples such as the situation in the Horn of Africa, on the decision-making processes at EU level as well as on upcoming challenges for the EU.

This conference will take place **in English** on **Wednesday 29 November 2023, exceptionally at 18:00, in the conference room at campus Renaissance** (entrance: **rue Hobbema 8/Hobbemastraat 8, 1000 Brussels**). A simultaneous interpretation in French and Dutch will be provided in the conference room. The conference will be followed by a reception offered by the S€D. Subject to the consent of the speaker, a recording of the presentation will be made available afterwards on the website of the RHID.

We thank you in advance for registering via the following link: [www.defence-institute.be](http://www.defence-institute.be). **Registration by Friday 24 November 2023 at the latest is compulsory.**

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### Programme:

17:30: Welcome  
18:00: Conference and Q&A  
19:30 – 20:30: Reception