



Dual Use and Military Mobility Seminar

Dear Madam, Sir,

Navigating in a constantly shifting geopolitical climate, the European Union is increasingly emerging as a relevant security and defence actor for its citizens. Aligning itself with established EU policies, the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU (BE EU Presidency) aims to pursue initiatives that will strengthen the EU's ability to take up its role as a global security actor within the framework of the Common Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

In the domain of military mobility, the BE EU Presidency organises a seminar on dual use capabilities (please find the practical information note [here](#)). The main objective is to discuss the progress and challenges met in the implementation of the military mobility objectives formulated in the EU's Strategic Compass, as further elaborated in the Action Plan on Military Mobility 2.0. The intended outcome is to contribute to Council Conclusions by formulating recommendations in four domains: dual use infrastructures, procedures and requirements related to intra-EU movements of military equipment, funding, and cyber resilience.

On behalf of the BE EU Presidency, I am pleased to invite you to this **two-day seminar** jointly organised by the **Royal Higher Institute for Defence (RHID)** and the **Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS)**. The seminar will take place in English on **Thursday 22 February 2024** from 10:00 to 17:15 and on **Friday 23 February 2024** from 8:30 to 13:30 in the [Marriott Hotel](#) (address: **Korenlei 10, B-9000 Ghent**).

[Registration](#) by **Sunday 11 February 2024 at the latest is compulsory**. You are kindly invited to the networking/walking dinner in the event venue '[Oude Vismijn](#)' – **Old Fish Market** (address: **Sint-Veerleplein 5, B-9000 Ghent**) that is offered to all participants and that is scheduled to take place on Thursday 22 February 2024 from 19:30 to 21:30.

(Signed)

Filip BORREMANS, MSc Eng
Air Force Major General
Director-General
Royal Higher Institute for Defence



Programme Thursday 22 February 2024

09:15 – 10:00 **Registration and networking coffee**

10:00 – 10:20 **Welcome address**

Mrs Ludivine Dedonder (Belgian Minister of Defence)

10:20 – 10:40 **Scene-setter**

Brigadier General Katrien D’Hert (Director of Logistics European Union Military Staff)

10:40 – 12:00 **PANEL 1: Credible Deterrence and Defence Readiness**

Chair:

Lieutenant General (Retd) Marc Thys (Egmont Institute)

Speakers:

Mr Stijn Mols (European External Action Service)

Ms Debbie Vos (Permanent Structured Cooperation)

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Mockler (Bundeswehr)

Colonel Kevin Baird (US Mission to NATO)

Interactive debate

12:00 – 13:15 **Lunch offered by the BE EU Presidency**

13:15 – 14:45 **PANEL 2: Dual Use Infrastructure**

Chair:

Mr Simon Van Hoeymissen (Centre for Security and Defence Studies)

Speakers:

Mr Rinalds Pļavnieks (Latvian Railways)

Brigadier General Katrien D’Hert (European Union Military Staff)

Mr Sergei Boeke (NATO Joint Support & Enabling Command)

Mr Eddy Liegeois (EU Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport)

Interactive debate

14:45 – 15:15 **Networking coffee**



15:15 – 16:45 **PANEL 3: Streamlining Border Crossing Procedures**

Chair:

Brigadier General Henny Bouman (Dutch Ministry of Defence)

Speakers:

Mr Krasimir Ganchev (European Defence Agency)

Mr Germán De Melo Ponce (EU Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union)

Ms Liesbet Servranckx (Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office)

Ms Joëlle Delvaux (Belgian General Administration Customs and Excise)

Interactive debate

16:45 – 17:15 **Closing Remarks**

Mr Stijn Mols (European External Action Service)

19:30 – 21:30 **Networking/walking dinner offered by the BE EU Presidency at the 'Oude Vismijn' (Old Fish Market)**



Programme Friday 23 February

08:00 – 08:30 **Registration**

08:30 – 08:45 **Scene-setter**

Mr Philippe Duponteil (Director for Digital delivery of Customs and Taxation Policies of the EU Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union)

08:45 – 10:00 **PANEL 4: Access to Finance and Funds**

Chair:

Dr Daniel Fiott (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Speakers:

Dr Valbona Zeneli (Atlantic Council)

Mr Philippe Chantraine (EU Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport)

Mr Tanguy Desrousseaux (European Invest Bank)

Interactive debate

10:00 – 10:30 **Networking coffee**

10:30 – 12:00 **PANEL 5: Cyber Resilience of Transport Infrastructure**

Chair:

Major General Michel Van Strythem (Belgian Cyber Command)

Speakers:

Ms Manon Le Blanc (European External Action Service)

Mr Christian-Marc Lifländer (NATO Cyber and Hybrid Policy Section)

Ms Christiane Kirketerp de Viron (EU Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology)

Mr Jan Vanhaecht (Deloitte)

Mr Bart Asnot (Microsoft)

Interactive debate

12:00 – 12:30 **Closing remarks**

Ms Emmanuelle Vandamme (President Board of Directors Belgian FPS Mobility and Transport)
&

Admiral Michel Hofman (Belgian Chief of Defence)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch offered by the BE EU Presidency**

For more information, please contact: CSDS-EU24@mil.be.